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Fun in the snow at AES



Students and staff at the Andover Elementary School held a Winter Carnival and Sports celebration Friday. Activities included snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, sledding and outdoor snacks/hot chocolate. The kids also wore their favorite sport team's shirt.

R. Curley

Mahoosuc Land Trust seeks 40-acre parcel along Androscoggin in Bethel

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen Monday voted to send a letter of support to assist the Mahoosuc Land Trust in an effort to acquire 40 acres of property owned by the Thurston family along the Androscoggin River, near the River View Resort. It

includes 2,400 feet along the river.

MLT Executive Director Jim Mitchell told selectmen that his organization was contacted about six weeks ago by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and asked to submit an application for funding to the Land for Maine's Fu-

ture program to purchase the parcel, which includes a field. The field could be leased back to a farmer who is using it, Mitchell said.

About 25 acres of the parcel are farmland and 15 are riverbank and woods, he said.

Mitchell added that an old

road bed that was formerly part of Route 2 could serve well as a bicycling and walking trail.

A recent logging operation between the river and Route 2 has opened up a view along the river.

"It's a wonderful view,"

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Selectmen OK effort to pursue option on 1,134 acres next to Bingham Forest

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen voted Monday to approach the Trust for Public Lands to develop an option to buy an 1,134-acre land parcel adjacent to the town's Bingham Forest.

The Bethel Forest Authority, which oversees the 2,300-acre parcel of land the town acquired from the Bethel Water District two years ago, has been seeking the best way to access the prop-

erty and has determined a road across the nearby parcel would be the best choice.

The BFA has been working to develop a plan for the use of the parcel, including multi-use recreational trails.

The owners of the adjacent parcel, Stag Properties, did not wish to give the town an easement to allow access across it, but are willing to sell it at a reported asking price of \$2 million, according to Town Manager Jim Doar.

Wolfe Tone, the Maine state

director of the Trust for Public Lands, met with selectmen Monday to outline possibilities for acquiring the land. He said the TPL could assist by "working with some urgency" to get an option for TPL to buy the property within a set period of time.

If TPL had the option, it would effectively take the land off the market for that time, and allow the town to approve the project and work with organizations to

find the funding to buy it, he said.

The funding for a purchase would likely come from a combination of public and private sources, he said.

Tone said the interest on the part of the town is key. "You've got our interest very high because you care. When a town says, 'This is a priority for us,' that is one of the big signals we look for," he said.

Ian Drew of the BFA said

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Woodstock budget up, tax rate steady

BY ALISON ALOISIO

A proposed \$2.58 million Woodstock budget would require \$130,000 more be raised from taxes this year than last, but an increase in town valuation should keep the mil rate steady.

The proposal, approved by selectmen last Thursday, includes an estimate for the SAD 44 share (\$1.03 million). Voters will consider the budget at their March 24 annual Town Meeting. The estimated funds to be raised from taxes would be \$2,227,433, and the estimate for the mil rate is 11.45, the same as last year.

The new big-ticket items included for this year are \$45,000 from taxes to rebuild a section of Rumford Avenue, up to \$30,000 from the Major Highway Equipment Reserve Fund to buy a used grader, and up to \$20,000 from the Fire Equipment Reserve Account to purchase a used utility truck for the Fire Department.

Other new proposed expenses include \$10,000 to go toward the towns' bicentennial celebration in 2015 and up to \$4,500 to make repairs to the granite foundation supporting the Union Church building (Up & Go Community Center) in

South Woodstock. If voters defeat the article, the next article asks if they wish to sell the building.

In items voted upon annually, raises are proposed for the town manager, administrative assistant, selectmen and School Board directors.

Proposed for the Capital Reserve Account this year are \$50,000 for the Major Highway Equipment Reserve Account (\$30,000 from taxes and \$20,000 from the Tree Growth Account) and \$20,000 for the Fire Truck Reserve Account (\$5,000 from taxes and \$15,000 from Tree Growth).

Among accounts going up are Building & Property Maintenance expenses (up about \$5,000 to \$33,000) and the Insurance, Legal and

Audit expenses (up about \$5,000 to \$118,800).

Among those going down are General Assistance (down \$5,000 to \$10,000) and the G&W Transfer Station (down \$5,000 to \$90,000).

In election of town officials, Selectman Steve Bies' three-year term is up and he is running unopposed, according to Town Manager Vern Maxfield. School Director Marcel Polak is running again for his position unopposed. Two three-year Whitman Memorial Library trustee seats are expiring - those of Edwin Howe and Sonja Davis, who are also running again unopposed.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Woodstock Elementary School.

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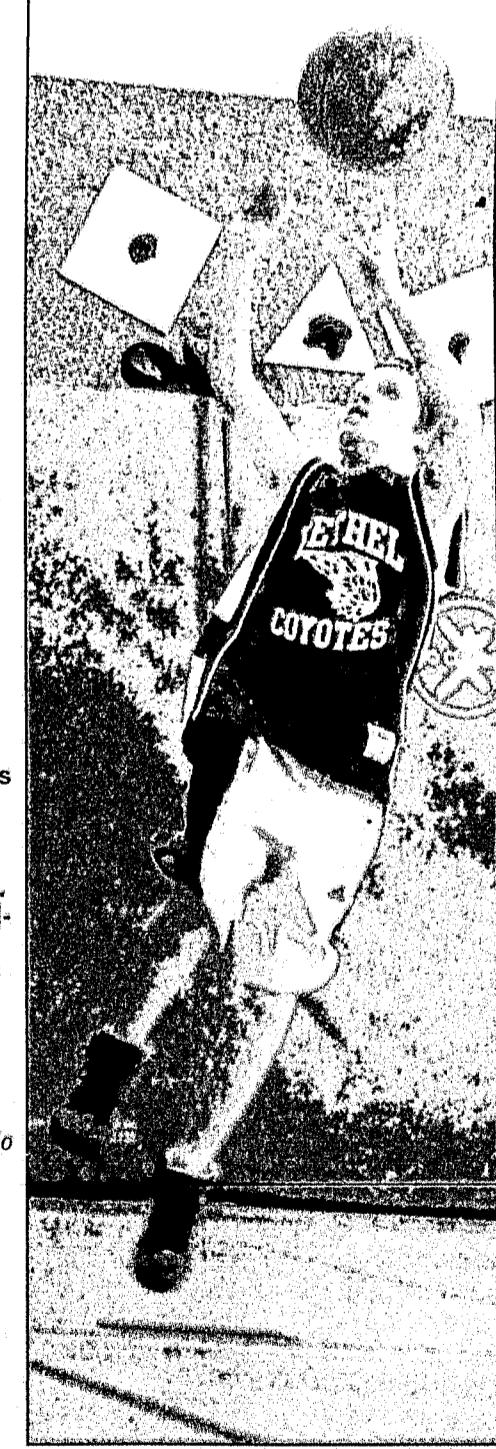
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Letters

TUNE IN TO LOCAL RADIO

To the Editor:

Friday, March 21, our son Travis Wheeler will be experiencing his THS Career Week job shadowing as a Program Director at www.abramradio.net, Maine's Classic Internet Rock Station in West Paris from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Abram Radio WMCR is a non-profit organization. Requests and/or dedications can be submitted during a Live Show, via Skype or via e-mail at requests@abramradio.net. Check out the music on their website and show schedules at www.abramradio.net. They have a feature show 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. EST Monday through Friday. They also have Abram Country WMCC. Listen in and have fun.

Paula and Dan Wheeler
Bethel

RESPONSE TO 'MEDICAID EXPANSION'

To the Editor:

Having spent 80-plus years of existence in the lower echelon of the economic spectrum I have to agree with Mr. Faulkner that it is imperative that one discerns what it is that one can afford and what it is that they cannot. The Medicaid Expansion plan proposed by the Maine State legislature is dedicated to the premise that there is a vulnerable segment of the Maine citizenry that is in dire need of assistance when it comes to the realm of affordable healthcare consideration. When anyone suggests that the State of Maine cannot afford its elderly or economically deprived citizenry they would also have to explain exactly how they intend to dispose of them.

I myself can recall the time that Mr. Faulkner alluded to in his letter when a cup of hot chicken broth or a cup of hot ginger tea were the standard remedies for life's minor afflictions. I also agree with Mr. Faulkner that there are those who take undue advantage of the prevailing Medicaid system. However, I do not agree that depriving the multitudes of those who are legitimately in need the benefit of Medicaid would be a prudent solution to that problem.

The present Governor of this State, who was not elected by the majority of the Maine electorate but instead gained that office by the medium of default, has expressed his intent to veto the proposed Medicaid Expansion bill. It is now reassuring to note that immersed in this State's legislative body that there might be sufficient bipartisan considerate compassion for the plight of the needy segment of this State's citizenry to challenge the Governor's veto. Although the Republicans and Democrats in the Maine legislature do not always see eye to eye, it is apparent that none deem any segment of this State's citizenry to be discards.

Finally, I also feel compelled to point out that the presiding Governor of this State has been the recipient of considerable national news media attention, none of which alluded to the magnitude of his fiscal wisdom.

Don Chase
Bethel

DISCOURAGED

To the Editor:

Before the 2012 election I was "afraid." Now I am discouraged. Not only are the President and Democrats refusing to cut or reduce spending on entitlements, Obamacare and a seemingly endless list of "stimulus" spending, Republicans, stung by the effort to force spending cuts and the resulting drubbing at the polls after the President shut down the government, are letting them get away with it! The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projects that the federal deficits will begin increasing after 2015 and continue unending for the foreseeable future, unless policies are changed. The federal deficit is projected to exceed \$20 trillion by 2020.

The real kicker is that the President's proposed 2015 budget eviscerates the budget for the US Military with cuts that will bring the size of the Army to a lower level than before the beginning of the buildup for World War II; it also slashes budgets for the Air Force and Navy. Now, with the world ignoring the President's drawing of red and other types of meaningless "lines in the sand," potential adversaries such as the radical leaders of Iran and the accused human rights abuser of North Korea no longer fear the U.S. and its military might.

There is no greater threat to peace in the world than when the greatest power for good, the old USA, withdraws into its shell! One needs only to look at the history of the last century to realize the truth of this statement.

Richard Grover
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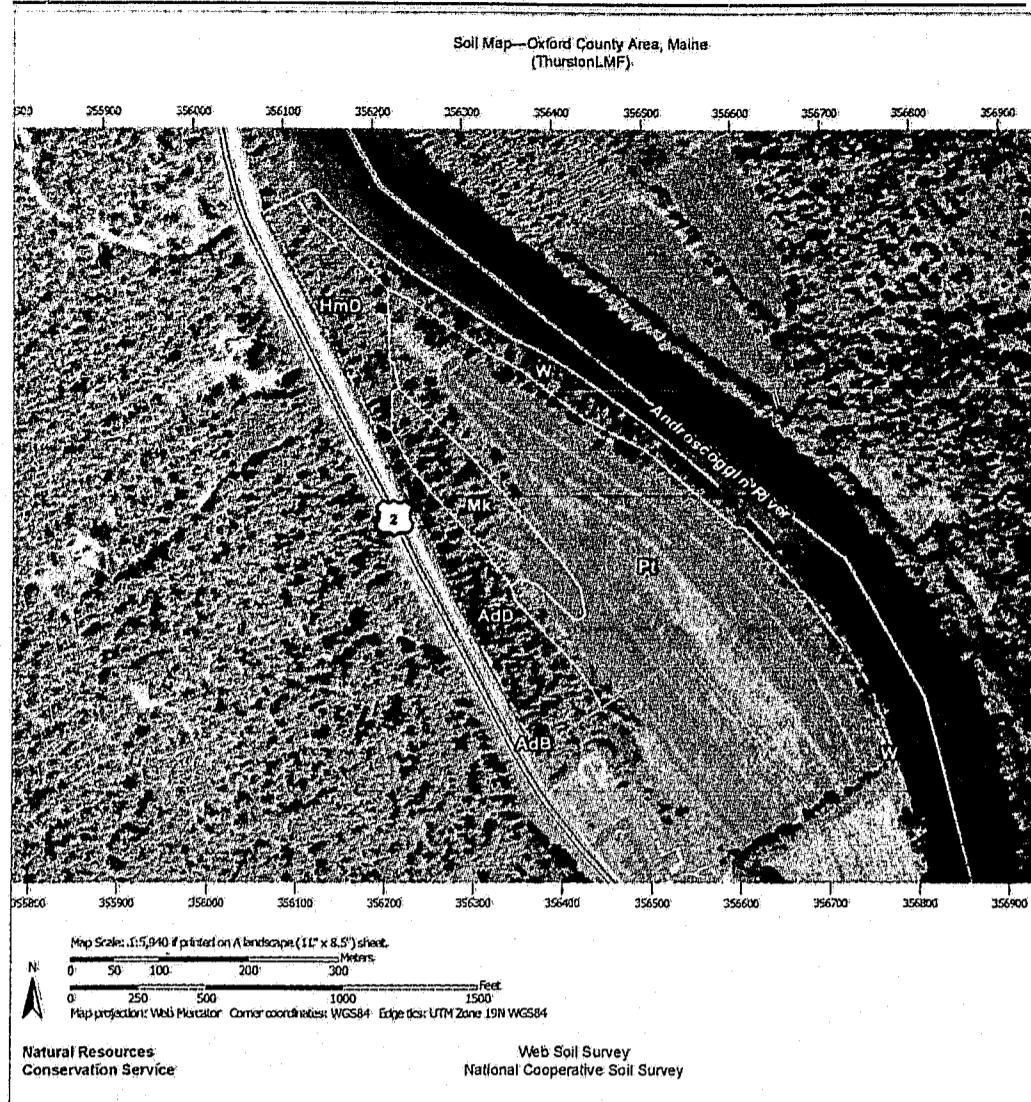
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TRUST

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This map shows the outline in aqua blue of the 40-acre land parcel the Mahoosuc Land Trust is seeking to acquire. The orange lines depict soil types. Visible at the bottom is the Riverview Resort on Route 2.

Provided by MLT

said selectboard Chair Stan cause it has "podunk fine of it in Bethel near the river." Sandy loam, one of the finest.

Mitchell said the USDA is particularly interested in preserving the land be-

est agricultural soils in the state. It's very, very limited, but there is a lot

ting the application to LMF is March 28, Mitchell said.



The Library Bees of Hanover completed their patriotic quilt and proudly presented it to their friend, Wendell Easter. Mr. Easter is a World War II veteran who served in the Battle of Bulge in World War II 244th Field Artillery. A resident of Rumford and a friend to many in Hanover, Mr. Easter is currently recovering at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris. Among the Bees who made the lap quilt and visited Mr. Easter last Tuesday were (left to right) Paulette Booth, Dottie Adams, Lynne Ramsey, Peg Sursby, Brenda Devoe, Wilma Rector and Maria Holloway (not pictured). The Bees enjoyed hearing Mr. Easter reminisce of his time in World War II, his reunions with other Battle of the Bulge war heroes, and his trip to the dedication of the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC. Most recently, Mr. Easter rototilled many gardens in Hanover as well as the Children's Garden located at the intersection of Howard Pond and Mill Hill Roads. The Bees thanked Mr. Easter for his service and wished him a speedy recovery. The Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris, one of six in the state, provides care and rehabilitation for Maine men and women who honorably served their country. In addition to various military and war artifacts which decorate the hallways and lobby, the facility honors veterans with displays of current and wartime photographs of the residents.

M. Holloway

Celladore

'Was It All Worthwhile?'

No one has ever asked this question directly, but there are queries and comments which seem to indicate that the asker is consciously or unconsciously comparing his life to ours and wondering, "Your life is so different from ours, we hear often. But is it? If one has superior intellectual capacity, the United Nations should not be deprived of his ability; if one has musical talents, he should share them with the world. For the mass of us just average folk, life is much the same everywhere. Once one has been out to see how large and diverse the cultural patterns on this planet are, he realizes that a little village back in the hills is only a microcosm of the outside world. One has here the same basic joys, fears, satisfactions, frustrations, high and low spots of euphoria as one in Timbuktu or Yulan Bator.

Do you make wise decisions, at least ones that satisfy you? Outside it could be merging two big companies. Here it may be simply deciding the proper time to stow away the porch furniture. B.B. always favors doing it early when the frost is on the pumpkin vines. I, remembering one November twentieth when I served afternoon tea to guests on the porch, favor a later date. To be sure, I am usually wrong, the cold rains come, the cushions are drenched; I must go through the process of dragging them inside, spreading them all out over the house to dry.

An unexpected gift that is a proof of love means joy anywhere. In the city it might be front-row seats for the World Series or dinner at Le Pavilion. Here the surprises are simpler. We waited a long time before we found a slate sink for the kitchen. B.B. installed it for me with only half of the front enclosed. The open space was for a stool for me to use climbing to high cupboards or to sit on while doing canning chores. No size that would fit under the sink could be found. Then one fine day B.B. came in from the shop. He had made one with a wide step, a wide top shelf, exactly what I wanted, sturdy enough to last forever.

One can be absorbed by the pressing unessential anywhere and forget Socrates' dictum that the unexamined life is not worth living. Or one can question anywhere. Are you keeping busy just to fill time, occupying yourself doing things not needed to be done by you or by anyone else? Are you only creating an illusion of accomplishment or are you really actualizing values? Are you aware of the beauty all around you? Are you expressing love by really listening and actively seeing the inner core of another human and responding in a way that he may better achieve his potential? Are you living life as an adventure, with a song and a sense of humor, or are you just plodding along?

All of our answers have to do with trivial details. Maybe a generalization could be made from these particulars that would apply to enterprises of more pith and moment, maybe not. The gregarious say, you must be lonely living up on that hilltop in the woods. To be contented when alone part of the time is one of life's most enriching experiences; we have never yet suffered from solitude. The doers say, you must get a lot done away from all the frustrations and interruptions of the outside world, but we have them too though no earth-shaking events are involved.

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

10 years ago: Telstar skiers Jake Largess, Travis Brooks, and Adam Largess qualified for the Maine State Boys' Alpine Ski Team.

Crescent Park School pupils observed "Read Across America Day," and were joined by 35 Telstar High School students who read to the younger children.

Deaths: Sylvia W. Wesanen, Myrtle Pratt Tucker, Victor V. Scott, Sr., Catherine C. Russell, Ruth J. Pulsifer.

20 years ago: Parker Gray of Newry, a freshman at Telstar, was the first Maine finisher in the super giant slalom and giant slalom at the Eastern Junior Olympics at Hunter Mountain, N.Y.

The public was invited to meet the last team of sled dogs from the Antarctic, the former British Antarctic Survey team, during their stopover at the Mahoosuc Guide Service. Deaths: Peter O. "Bud" McKenna, Marshall L. Rolfe.

30 years ago: In excess of 22 inches of snow reportedly fell on the East Bethel area during a two day storm.

Sunday River Ski Touring Center hosted the 12th annual Sunday River Langlauf with 41 racers participating.

Deaths: Howard P. Chivers, Dick Helin, Mrs. E. Jeannine Fleet, Lillian C. Wells.

40 years ago: The SAID 44 District Spelling Bee, held at Telstar Regional High School, was won by sixth grader Mindy McElmurry of Andover.

The long-lost oil portrait of Dr. Moses Mason was presented to the Bethel Historical Society by Miss Isobel Miller of Milwaukee.

Birth: Amy Kathleen Hannan.

Deaths: Miss Leita Brown, Victor Robinson, John A. Heath, Jr., Miss S. Bertha Kimball.

50 years ago: Two storms brought about 12 inches of snow to the area. Sunday River Skiway and Mt. Abram Ski Slopes both reported good-to-excellent skiing.

Mrs. Lincoln B. Fiske was serving as co-chairman of the Seventh Annual Rumford Community Hospital Charity Ball.

Birth: Anthony Todd Martin.

Deaths: SP4 Laurence E. Rich, Gerry Collins Morgan, Miss Elizabeth McGill.

60 years ago: School in Upton was closed for two weeks due to the spread of measles through the whole school.

The PTA held a very successful fair at Crescent Park School. Approximately \$575 was realized after paying all bills.

Birth: Jean Frances Hillier.

Deaths: Mrs. Gilman Chapman, Miss Hildred Bartlett.

70 years ago: Fire destroyed a shop at Carey Stevens' farm, Middle Intervale. Loss was estimated at \$1,000.

Miss Ellen Peabody entered Hunter College, N.Y., for boot training for the Waves.

Death: Willis G. Lane.

80 years ago: The Auxiliary, American Legion, entertained the Legion in honor of the 15th anniversary of the organization of the George A. Mund Post.

Bryant Pond Parent Teachers Assn. presented the play, "The Gay Pretenders."

Deaths: Gardiner B. Wiley, Mrs. Minnie Rowe, Mrs. Lizzie M. Tebbets.

90 years ago: The first Young People's Conference to be held in Maine occurred at the Baptist Church at South Paris, March 15.

Carpenters were remodeling the ell at the Straw House on Broad Street.

Deaths: Mrs. Betsy Jane Barker, Sidney Irving French, Walton White.

100 years ago: The Dudley house at the foot of Church Street was sold to Austin J. Drey.

Lumber operations on Wight's brook were called off on account of the deep snow. A Mr. Hinchee broke camp leaving 2,500 cords of 4-foot wood not landed.

Deaths: Clifford Wheeler, Thirza Mason Stone.

110 years ago: Robert Bennett moved his family from Hastings to the Amy Bean farm, Northwest Bethel.

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Dumont Cup to include three Sochi medalists

On March 28 and 29 the world's top professional and amateur freeskiers will compete side-by-side in what is the largest, and only major, freeskating event in the East: the 6th Annual Dumont Cup at Sunday River Resort, according to a press release from Sunday River.

Cash and prizes valued at \$20,000 are up for grabs, along with the opportunity to compete with the first-ever gold, silver, and bronze Freeskating Slopestyle medalists, all of whom are signed up to compete in this year's Dumont Cup.

Created by professional freeskier and 10-time X Games Medalist Simon Dumont, The Dumont Cup is an Association of Freeskating Professionals platinum-rated slopestyle event that takes place each March at Sunday River.

Dumont's professional freeskier roster includes Joss Christensen (Olympic gold medalist), Gus Kenworthy (Olympic silver medalist) and the 2012 Dumont Cup Champion), and Nick Goepfer (bronze medalist and the 2013 and 2011 Dumont Cup Champion).

Other participating professional freeskiers include: Olympian Bobby

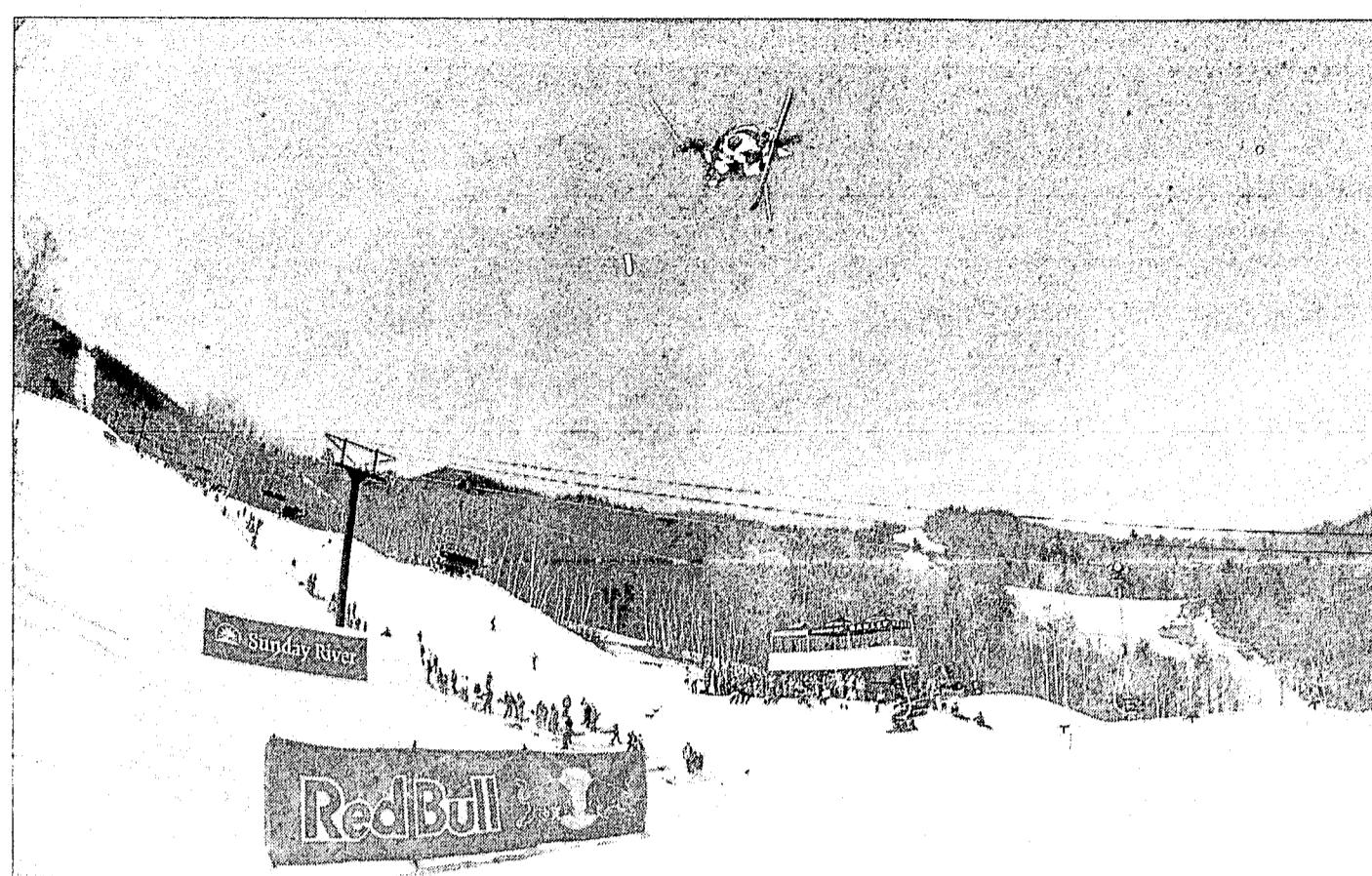
Brown, McRae Williams, Alex Schlopy (also a past Dumont Cup champion), Matt Walker, Olympian Torin Yater-Wallace, Alex Beaulieu-Marchand, Chris Laker, Vinnie Gagnier, PK Hunder, and Kai Mahler. Tom Wallisch, the 2009 Dumont Cup winner, is also returning as one of the event's new judges.

In addition to hosting the largest group of professional freeskiers ever at one Dumont Cup, Dumont will also showcase to the world the event's new location on T'2—a new 15-acre terrain park trail that Dumont helped design with help from Snow Park Technologies. Dumont is also responsible for designing the event's slopestyle course which will consist of a progressive jump line among other surprises.

Event Format

Qualifiers will be held in two sessions on Friday, March 28, from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. At 4:30 40 amateurs will be selected via a bib toss to advance to the semi-finals held the following day.

On Saturday, March 29, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m., the 40 chosen amateur skiers will compete head-to-head with the profession-



Simon Dumont competes in the first Dumont Cup at Sunday River.

Courtesy Sunday River

als. At 12:30 p.m., another bib toss will determine the 20 amateurs advancing to the finals. Each finalist will have three runs to showcase their skills. Judges will then determine the top three overall winners as

well as a standout amateur finishers. Amateur skiers will also have the opportunity to score prizes from Dumont Cup sponsors.

Registration

Registration is now open to competitors. The price is \$135 and includes a lift tick-

et. Space is limited.

For additional information, visit <http://www.dumontcup.com> or <http://www.sundayriver.com>.

Please note that the event schedule is subject to change.

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STAY-Brian Mills argues for staying in SAD 44.

ver and other SAD 44 towns currently pay the district based entirely on their property valuation, with no consideration of student population. "We pay the same whether we have one student or 100," she said. Getting out of the district would allow the town to pay according to student enrollment, she said, lowering the costs.

Committee member Pete Coolidge said Andover's current overall student population is 80, and based on current enrollments and birth certificates, that number could drop to 56 by 2019. The committee estimated that had Andover tuitioned all 80 current students elsewhere this year, the cost would total \$666,900 - more than its bill from SAD 44. But for 2019, the committee estimated tuition costs for the smaller number of students at \$555,635 (including accounting for inflation rates). Staying with the district for that year, they estimated, would cost \$793,500 at current rates.

But Selectman Keith Farrington pointed out that the tuition totals alone did not represent all of Andover's potential costs, noting that transportation and special education costs would have to be paid separately. Coolidge acknowledged the omission and that projected savings under the all-tuition scenario would be less than the \$200,000+ presented by the committee.

Farrington estimated the overall student popula-

tion would need to drop to 35 to 40 to "break even" by tuitioning students rather than remaining a member of SAD 44.

The OOO group also presented more figures that they said show projected savings of \$120,000 in 2019 by having an independent Andover school system with AES still operating, compared to staying in SAD 44.

Newry

Some at the hearing worried about the financial implications if Newry pursues a change in the formula that determines each local town's share in the SAD 44 budget. Selectmen in that town recently agreed to explore the possibility of altering the valuation-based formula to factor in a town's student population - a change that could shift a significant portion of Newry's \$2.7 million share to the other towns in the district. Newry has only 30 to 35 students, according to SAD 44.

Jim Sysko, a Newry resident who is advocating for the formula change, said

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LEAVE-Pete Coolidge argues for withdrawing from SAD 44.

that while he is not currently pushing for Newry to undertake its own district withdrawal process if the formula isn't changed, he is not ruling it out at some point.

Several people at Andover's hearing pointed to the Newry issue as another reason for Andover to withdraw.

"If Newry withdraws, we'll pay more," said Sharkey.

Coolidge said he has talked with friends in Newry. "They talk like we talk," he said. "If they don't get what they want, they will try to withdraw. They'll do exactly what we would do if they were going to close our school. Newry looked at it and said 'although we're not paying as much per household as some of the surrounding towns, we've got all this money coming in from Sunday River,

and if we could do this on our own we could keep a lot more of that."

Added Dan Wells, "If we were Newry, guess what we wouldn't be having this discussion now, because we would be out of here. Andover is tight."

Seasonal resident Steve Hudspeth, an attorney who has been advising the town on withdrawal, has been voicing concerns about Newry through much of the process. He reiterated his concerns again Saturday.

But Sid Pew, the former chairman of the SAD 44 School Board, was skeptical of a formula change and critical of Andover making its own decision on withdrawal with Newry in mind.

Before the state Legislature might consider changing the SAD 44 formula, he said, "you would have to have all four other towns agree to different funding. The chances of all four of the other towns agreeing for Newry to pay less would, in my guess, be slim to none. We in Andover need to be concerned with

what concerns our school and not worry about if somebody else does something else."

In addition to the Newry factor, residents also discussed the timing and urgency of withdrawing from SAD 44.

Brian Mills noted that Andover currently has 12 percent of the SAD 44 student population but has only paid about 6 percent of the budget. He said that even with the extra money paid to keep AES open, "I'm not sure we're at the break-even point yet. We should continue to raise the money to keep the school open. We can look at [withdrawal] again down the road."

But Wells worried that staying any longer could trap Andover into paying debt that SAD 44 might incur in upcoming years for large projects. "We don't know what they're going to do," he said.

The hearing concluded after an hour and a half. Another one was scheduled for last night (Wednesday).

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The Crescent Park Elementary School Grades 2 and 3 Bethel Outing Club Nordic Ski Program has 30 students this winter. Adult volunteers include Coach Allie Burke, Norm Greenberg, Suzanne Pierce, Savannah Sessions, Jeremy Nellis, Martha Siegel, Erika Mulley, Kim Johnson, and Suzanne LaFlamme.

Submitted photo

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Mention the Bethel Outing Club, and many area residents think of the annual ski sale that takes place at the Gould Academy field house.

In the 30+ years since the club was founded, it has both expanded its ski-oriented activities and branched out beyond its initial mission of promoting family-oriented cross-country skiing in the area. Membership now stands at between 300 and 400, according to club President Norm Greenberg.

The club sponsors free after-school ski programs, with equipment, for kids at Crescent Park Elementary School. It also supports programs at the Woodstock and Andover elementary schools, as well as skiers at Telstar and Gould, and facilitates the sharing of resources among programs.

On winter weekends, BOC offers the Bill Koch Youth Ski League. The Koch League is the largest membership group in cross-country skiing in the U.S. Founded by Olympic silver medalist Bill Koch, its purpose is to introduce young people to cross-country skiing. Kids between ages 5 and 14 participate, and the program offers more challenging activities for interested young stars.

Every Sunday through

mid-March, the local league alternates skiing among The Bethel Inn, Carter's and the Sunday River Outdoor Center.

To help young cross-country skiing competitors travel to races and training, the club also provides a scholarship program.

The annual ski sale helps fund the many club programs.

Another, smaller fundraiser is the annual Flying Moose Classic cross-country race. This year's event took place two weeks ago.

"The BOC has been great for me and my family," said Nancy Babcock of Newry. "In Kyler's Bill Koch League days (up to 8th grade) we certainly enjoyed getting together with other families with kids to cross-country ski at the different ski centers in the area, as well as to enjoy the Bill Koch Festival at the end of the season."

She said the BOC's Google group also provides "a great way to be in touch with others who might want to go skiing, hiking, biking, paddling, dancing, or whatever. Anyone can post something they'd like to do, looking for others who are interested."

And, said Babcock, while the sale makes money for the club, "it is just as much a way to connect people with the gear they need."

Sarah Southam of Bethel said her family became in-

volved in the club not long after moving here a dozen years ago.

"[Club members] Brad Clarke and Kirk Siegel would set up awesome slalom courses and big ski jumps for the kids to play on while wearing cross country skis," she said. "All those kids became very skilled skiers and they did not even know what was happening to them. They just thought they were playing."

"My daughter, Samantha, Nordic skied through Telstar Middle School and Gould. Nordic skiing The Bethel Outing Club was very supportive with grants to help her race in competitions like the J2 Festival and Eastern High Schools."

Southam said that even though her kids are getting older and moving on, she hopes to stay involved in the club.

Other sports

The club has also become more active in recent years in some warmer weather sports.

Several years ago members took over staffing the Kids Triathlon, a swim/bicycle/event event for 5 to 14 year-olds that takes place the same weekend as the traditional Maine State Triathlon.

Both events are sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. The Kids Tri draws an average of 40 to 50 youngsters.

volved in other sports, including mountain biking and trail running (running on hiking trails), according to Greenberg.

The club started a trail running series on Monday nights beginning in the summer of 2013. It was held weekly on the Pine Hill Trails on Grover Hill Road, with 20 to 30 runners participating in a timed 5-kilometer and 5-mile loop. Runners included adults, Telstar and Gould high school students, and younger children.

In addition, said Greenberg, "Many members mountain bike, road bike, participate in group rides organized by Bethel Bicycle." There are currently no specific BOC mountain bik-

ing activities, but "endurance recreation is growing in popularity, especially mountain biking locally," he said.

There have also been intermittent paddling activities for members on Songo Pond from time to time.

Greenberg is a four-year member of the club.

"I joined in 2009 to become more involved with Nordic Skiing in the Bethel area, to learn to be a better skier, to meet individuals and families interested in human powered outdoor recreation, and to provide a great place for my family to enjoy the outdoors with other like minded families," he said. "I became president in order to further the goals of the club,

to promote Nordic skiing and other forms of outdoor endurance recreation in the Bethel area."

Future goals for the BOC, he said, include facilitating the consolidation of various efforts by different community groups to provide endurance based recreation in the area, improving the quality and effectiveness of recreational programming offered by the BOC, increasing membership, and supporting local skiers who are competing at a state, regional, or national level.

Greenberg said he hopes to help bring the annual Bill Koch League Festival to the Bethel area the next time it is in Maine, in 2018. For more on the club go to www.bethelouting.org.

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when the landowners offered to sell the land, "we had stick shock at first." But after learning of various options for funding and the potential to offset some of the costs, such as by maintaining timber harvesting and sales as a source of revenue, it seemed more realistic, he said.

Representatives of the White Mountain National Forest and the Bethel Con-

servation Commission also spoke in support of the effort, and Jim Mitchell of the Mahoosuc Land Trust endorsed the potential role for the TPL.

Selectman Peter Southam said access to the Bingham land "would open a variety of opportunities here in Bethel," and "would help move the town toward a four-season recreational community."

Tone said to start the process

there would need to be clear identification of what the town wants to accomplish, followed by a meeting with TPL and the landowners.

He said the town would not need to be "fully on board 100 percent up front" for TPL to acquire the option. "That's going to be a risk that we evaluate, to see how serious you are to want to do this," he said.

A complete land deal usually take from 18 to 24 months when successful, he said.

He also said the Mahoosuc Initiative could play a large role in the effort by bringing together various partners and interests.

The Initiative is a partnership among conserva-

tion-minded and other orga-

nizations that produced a Mahoosuc Region Report, which identified the region's most valuable natural assets, tracked the trends that are changing its lands and communities and provided ideas for communities to direct future changes, according to its

website.

Tone said his organization is "really good at land conservation," but does not focus on economic and recreation development. But the TPL could work on a land deal that would help bring all the interests together and give them a role, he said.

Briefly

Newry selectmen hold emergency meeting

NEWRY-Following last Tuesday's regular meeting, Newry selectmen scheduled an emergency session for Thursday, March 6. The agenda for that meeting included a vote to enter executive session to confer with the town's attorney regarding "the legal rights and duties of the Board of Selectmen with regard to local election law and the annual Town meeting." At Tuesday's meeting, Selectman Brooks Morton had questioned whether, since two candidates for selectmen had taken out nomination papers and gathered signatures, the law required a ballot with candidates' names to be printed and posted prior to the annual Town Meeting. Asked how the emergency meeting had come about and who the attorney was, Town Administrator Loretta Powers said only, "We are doing a conference call with the attorney." No action was taken in public following a conference call in executive session with the attorney, and selectmen did not provide any other details. Newry's next regularly scheduled selectmen's meeting, March 18 at 4:30 p.m., will include an organizational meeting to review town policies and discuss appointments to fill current vacancies on town committees and boards.

Proposed 2014 Andover appropriation is up

ANDOVER-If Andover voters approve all the money articles on Saturday's Town Meeting warrant, the total municipal appropriation (including a \$180,000 payment to SAD 44 to keep the Andover Elementary School open) would be \$833,750, according to Selectboard Chair Susan Merrow. That would be up from last year's \$747,870. The board is proposing \$70,000 toward a property revaluation. Selectmen are also proposing an extra \$20,000 be taken from Surplus this year to help offset taxes. The Town Meeting begins at 9 a.m. at the Town Hall. Elections and a vote on whether to restart the school withdrawal process will take place Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Hall. Selectmen were expected to appoint a SAD 44 director to replace Mark Shraiberg, who Merrow said resigned recently because of conflicts with his work schedule. There was not enough time to get the item on the March 18 ballot.

Bethel to take over winter decorating

BETHEL-The Town of Bethel will take over responsibility for decorating the town for the winter holiday season from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, following a request from the Chamber. BACC Executive Director Robin Zinchuk told the selectmen Monday that the practice had historically been for the Chamber to raise funds to pay a contractor to put up and light Christmas trees near the entrance to town and on the common, as well as decorate the gazebo and place about 30 evergreen boughs on utility poles. But, she said, "It's long been my opinion that it should be considered the town role to decorate the town." She said the winter decorations serve the same purpose as summer flowers - "the way we make the town cheerful and inviting, not just for visitors but for the people who live here." She said more recently the BACC has been submitting a request for \$3,000 each year from the town to pay a contractor to put up decorations, so the money effectively just passes through the Chamber. But Zinchuk said because her organization must request the funds from the town, there is a perception among townspersons "that there's something in it for the Chamber." Town Manager Jim Doar said there is something in it for the business community. Replied Zinchuk, "It's really all of us together." Selectmen and Doar eventually agreed to take on the responsibility.



The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

This week marks the sixth week since Puxatawny Phil emerged from his winter slumber and saw his shadow thereby predicting six more weeks of winter.

If Phil has any more expertise in weather prediction than the Old Farmers Almanac then this week is IT! Winter will be over in just a few short days. I, for one, cannot wait for this horrible winter to pass.

I'm sure the ski areas have been pretty happy with snow and enough cold to keep making snow. I would imagine that it has been a fairly good year for snowmobilers and snowshoers. It has most definitely been a good winter for the oil companies. My oilman has spent so much time at my house that I've gotten to know his name, his wife's name and the names and ages of his kids. It's pretty sad when my winter social event is interacting with my oilman.

For those of us who do not ski or have a snowmobile or a pair of snowshoes and though we may like our oilman we resent paying for his deliveries; this has not been a good winter at all.

I will be so pleased to shed my daily winter attire, which has consisted of a turtleneck, a pull-

over sweater on top of the pullover. Some days have been so cold, that I've put an extra pullover sweater on. My nightly attire has been a flannel nightshirt, long johns, heavy socks and on some really cold nights I've put sweatpants on over the long johns.

I have so many blankets on my bed that rolling over is a chore. I've worn so much fleece my skin is beginning to look like Mary's little lamb.

Putting too much trust in a furry rodent could lead to a lot of disappointment.

All this excess material would not have been necessary if I could have afforded to turn my thermostat up a bit. However, my husband and I like to eat occasionally and with the price of oil that would not have been possible if I kept the house a more comfortable temperature.

The paper had a brief article last week stating that the price of heating oil went down 1¢ per gallon. WOW! I thought I just might be able to push my thermostat up to 61 degrees rather than the 60

I have been keeping it at. Then I noticed that station where I get my gas went up 6¢ per gallon. I set the thermostat at 59 degrees and put on an extra sweater. Exxon Mobile giveth and Exxon Mobile taketh away.

There are better days ahead, however, if Puxatawny Phil knows what his shadow is talking about. Even though there is more than a week before the calendar says it is spring, Phil said six weeks and this is the sixth week and that's what I'm going with.

I suppose that it's possible that the six more weeks of winter is meant for groundhogs and not humans. Maybe Phil and his relatives can only sleep for six more weeks after Feb. 2 before they get really, really hungry and really, really want to mate.

And I really, really hope that Puxatawny Phil's prediction of six more weeks of winter applies to all life forms and this really, really is the last week of winter.

That would be really, really nice, but the way I see it, putting too much trust in a furry rodent could lead to a lot of disappointment. For now, I guess, I'll just put on one more sweater and call the oilman for another delivery.

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A look back at the birth of the BOC

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The critical moment that led Don Angevine to spearhead the formation of the Bethel Outing Club 33 years ago came in a casual conversation "across gas pumps."

In the late 1970s Angevine, who had been a top-notch cross-country skier at Gould Academy in the late 1950s, got involved with the local chapter of the Bill Koch Youth Ski League. The national organization, founded by the U.S. Ski Association, and endorsed by Olympian Bill Koch, encouraged youngsters and their parents to get out on cross-country skis.

Angevine, whose sons skied, took over the program from Frank Vogt in 1979, "a no-snow year," he remembers.

With BKYSL kids ranging in age from 7 to 13, Angevine found himself straddling two other Bethel ski programs — Ginger Kelly's after-school program and Coach Bob Remington's Telstar MS/HS programs.

"Ginger had earlier established the after-school ski program at the Crescent Park Elementary School, with Steve Wight (of the Sunday River Inn Cross-Country Center)," said Angevine. "Steve had brought in rental skis for them to use to get the program off the ground, until it was taken over by the Rec Board. The Remington kids were in my program as well, so Rem, Ginger, and I worked closely to make sure any kid who wanted to ski, could."

In early March of 1981 he observed that Remington was soliciting area organizations to help fund a trip for two Telstar skiers to go to the Junior Nationals competition. "I felt something was not right about that," said Angevine. The need for more support for young skiers had become apparent.

During that time, Angevine stopped one evening to get gas in Bethel. Across the pumps from him was Bettyann Hastings, a mother of skiers. In conversation with her about his thoughts, she said, "You know, maybe Bethel is ready for a club."

Hearing that from someone else, he said, "was the tipping point for me." He started talking casually with Remington and his wife, Anita, and sev-



This 1982 photo, believed to have been taken by Don Brown, shows the planning for the annual Ski Sale. From left are: Tim, Brant, Anita, and Bob Remington; Don Angevine; Melinda and Tom Remington; Bettyann Hastings; Carolyn Holden O'Brien; Frank Vogt.

eral others about the idea of establishing an umbrella organization to support Nordic skiing in the area.

Soon after, on March 15, 1981 he gathered a group of interested coaches and parents for a meeting. "The motivation was to get more parents involved and find a way to raise money," said Angevine. "They were just so committed to do it, and embraced a lot of ideals from the Bill Koch Youth Ski League."

They initially called the organization the Bethel Nordic Ski Club.

A couple of weeks later - at the tail end of another low-snowfall winter - a group of families met in Evans Notch to ski or snowshoe on the only snow left, and barbecue.

As the day concluded, some of them thought it was too bad it would be so long before they could go on such an outing again.

So they decided to plan some hiking and canoeing in the summer to fill the void, Angevine said. The club quickly morphed into the "Bethel Nordic Ski and Outing Club" (later shortened to the current name).

"It was intended from the beginning to be loosely organized," said Angevine. "You didn't have to do anything to be a member other than participate. We were very committed to our 'purpose' to promote and support youth development programs around Nordic skiing, and family oriented outings."

They also went ahead with their signature fundraising idea - a ski sale that doubled as a community service event. Families could bring their outgrown equipment

to sell, and in turn buy more equipment.

Tom Remington first suggested the sale. Tom had previously worked at the Mt. Abram ski shop, and had been involved in similar ski sales/swaps. Angevine had never been to one, but knew it would take a lot of work to solicit vendors for equipment on consignment.

"Tom assured me we could do it, and coached me. So long as I had an eager group of volunteers willing to follow me, I was willing to give it a try."

The first three years we had the sale in the Telstar gym," Angevine said. "We didn't make much money, but it was well received and growing."

By that third fall, Bill Clough, a great supporter of Nordic skiing and the fledgling organization, was Gould Academy's new headmaster. With his blessing, they were able to move the next ski sale to the Gould Field House.

Back on the ski trails, while supporting the local programs, and informal family ski touring outings, the club also hosted qualifying races for the Junior Nationals, and helped Remington with the Telstar relay races. With the beginning of each spring, an Annual Awards Banquet was held when every child, and some adults, were recognized.

March of 1983 saw the club as the lead organization hosting the annual Bill Koch Festival. It was the last time that the whole of the East and Mid-Atlantic divisions were competing, with 350 kids, plus their parents, coming to town.

It was set at Telstar. But

again, lack of snow was a problem. "It had rained for four previous days. The snow on Telstar's trails was rotten," he said, "and the only place where there was usable snow was on the snowmobile trails."

"Everywhere else there was bare ground. Warm, bright sun. It was a sight to see. Some families were 'tailgating' in the parking lot," Angevine said.

So organizers talked to the local snowmobile club and arranged to use their trails.

But there was another problem - a ski jumping competition, planned for Gould's ski jumps at Swan's Corner.

Angevine made a pitch to the Town Manager and the Selectman went along. The Town of Bethel came to the rescue, hauling 26 truckloads of snow for the jump.

"We made it work," said Angevine.

And the informal, social gatherings continued, often combining a swim event at the Mollyockett pool, and a potluck or barbecue supper with a short business meeting. Over its 33 years, said Angevine, the BOC has had only two treasurers — Anita Remington and Julia Reuter.

Angevine stayed involved with the club for about 18 years.

Looking back now, he said, "I think we have more than outdone ourselves. Countless kids and families have benefited. And, it's satisfying to see 33 years later that it's still going strong."

OCSD Patrol Log

Monday, March 3

At 6:45 p.m. Deputy Mike Dailey conducted a bail compliance check on a subject on the Patte Brook Road in Albany.

At 7:51 p.m. Deputy Mike Dailey responded to a residential burglary on the Patte Brook Road in Albany.

Wednesday, March 5

At 10:07 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney took a report of disorderly conduct at Telstar High School. A former student was issued a trespass warning.

At 11:38 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney took a report of computer fraud in Bethel. The caller was advised to cancel a credit card and contact a computer repair person. The investigation is ongoing.

At 5:56 p.m. a caller reported someone had turned around in his driveway on the East Bethel Road in Bethel and possibly went into the residence. Deputy Dave Hodgson was assigned.

Thursday, March 6

At 1:40 a.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to Mason Street in Bethel for a reported domestic incident with an assault. A subject was taken to the hospital. The suspect fled on foot before the deputy arrived.

At 9:12 a.m. Deputy Dani Welch responded to Baker Road in Albany for a report of abuse to a juvenile.

At 11:26 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney stopped a vehicle on Route 2 in Gilead for an expired registration. Further investigation revealed the vehicle had illegally attached plates. The owner of the vehicle was summoned.

At 2:06 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown conducted a traffic stop on Railroad Street in Bethel and located marijuana and paraphernalia inside the vehicle. The officer was assisted by U.S. Border Patrol and a K-9 unit.

At 8:22 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey assisted a state trooper with a bail check in Mason.

Saturday, March 8

At 12:23 a.m. a subject in Woodstock reported terrorizing. The suspect, who was out of town, was arrested for DV terrorizing.

At 8:57 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey searched the Bethel/Mason town line area for a subject who had reportedly jumped in front of a motorist then fled into the woods. There was no contact.

Sunday, March 9

At 1:39 a.m. a cab driver in Woodstock reported a woman too intoxicated to pay a fare. Deputy Nathan Bowie arranged for payment in lieu of a summons.

At 9:14 a.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to Summit Road in Newry for a report of an assault.

Monday, March 10

At 8:02 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown stopped a vehicle on Main Street in Bethel for a traffic violation and seized drugs.

At 11:06 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to the East Bethel Road in Bethel to assist with a chimney fire. There were no injuries and the fire had been put out on arrival. The Fire Department cleaned the chimney.

At 12:59 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney took a report in Bethel of a scam involving the phone number (312) 613-7548. The number was determined to be linked to several scams around the nation and a report was made. Anyone who comes in contact with the number is advised not to respond and to contact the police.

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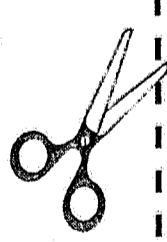
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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

I've seen a lot of sap buckets hanging from trees, but according to friends who are tapping their trees, production has been slow. We need warm days for the sap to run. We're hoping to get that this week in time for Maine Maple Sunday on March 23. This year more than 88 farms and sugar houses are participating in the event, which is sponsored by the Maine Maple Producers Association. The closest participating farm to Bethel is Dunham Farm and Velvet Hollow Sugar Works on Dunham Road in Greenwood. The farm is hosting a blueberry pancake breakfast that day and the sugar house will be running. Dunham Farm is known for its gluten-free baked goods, which will also be available. There are other farms and sugar houses in our area that will be offering maple products, tours, crafts, and music. Several years ago my family visited four farms in Waterford and Sumner on Maine Maple Sunday. We watched farmers collecting sap in antique metal pails, visited sugar houses, petted chickens, cows, and sheep, and watched a wool spinning demonstration. There's something for everyone. Maps and information are available at www.mainemapleproducers.com.

A series of Lenten lunches will be held on Wednesdays from March 19 through April 9. The lunches are from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. Area churches will take turns providing soup, bread, and fruit for the lunches. Following the lunch, a local pastor will give a short reflection on the theme "Spiritual Journey." Everyone is welcome. Donations at the lunches will be given to the Bethel Area Food Pantry.

March 14 (3/14) is Pi Day, an unofficial international holiday that celebrates the mathematical constant pi. It is a day to celebrate mathematics. Pi has been calculated to over one million digits past its decimal point. As an irrational and transcendental number, pi continues infinitely without repetition or pattern. March 14 is also the birthday of Albert Einstein. Princeton University, where Einstein taught, holds the largest commemoration of these two events, a three-day celebration featuring symposiums, games, and a pie-eating contest. Pie, of course, is the official food of Pi Day.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at nancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By CHERRI CROCKETT

He'll friends, I anticipate that this day is finding many of you dreading the thought of the snow in the forecast. But, just think,

AGILITY TEST-Coy Smith dribbles a basketball through a 'slalom course' of chairs in a timed test at the Crescent Park Elementary School Saturday. The contest was one of several that three dozen youngsters participated in as part of the Bethel Rec Basketball program.

all the moisture is going to make for some amazing color this spring. Those crocuses, tulips and daffodils are going to look stunning popping up through the beautiful white of the snow.

This past week I was among the hundreds who celebrated the life of my friend, Bill Irwin. Family, friends, clients, mere acquaintances and several people who never met Bill were present to sing the praises of how Heavenly Father used him to touch thousands of lives.

The program cover quoted Isaiah 6:8 and read, "Here Am I, Send Me." That is exactly how Bill lived the latter part of his life. If you haven't had the opportunity to read about him yet, please visit the library and pick up Blind Courage, or if you have internet access, search his name and learn how he turned his life over to the Almighty and was able to help bring hundreds of people closer to salvation.

Bill was human just like the rest of us, but Heavenly Father used him well, gave him the skills to never turn his shoulder to anyone he came in contact with. Bill was truly led by divine spirit.

My prayer today is that all who knew him, all who read of his life and have yet to have a relationship with our God, are able to

see how they can be delivered from darkness, whatever that may represent in your life, and seek eternal peace and everlasting life.

I never intended for this column to become my soap box for spiritual belief, but as I pray each week for what I am to write about, He comes through loud and clear with the words that are supposed to be here for you to read.

I enjoy hearing from my neighbors with their family news and memories, but when they aren't forthcoming, it's nice to know that readers are uplifted by what He's leading me to share. I thank you all for reading and confirming that His word is

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AGILITY TEST-Coy Smith dribbles a basketball through a 'slalom course' of chairs in a timed test at the Crescent Park Elementary School Saturday. The contest was one of several that three dozen youngsters participated in as part of the Bethel Rec Basketball program.

falling on open hearts. So, remember when I shared with you all that I hiked Katahdin with the Warrior Hike program last September? Well, they will be embarking on their six-month journey from Springer Mountain in Georgia on Monday morning. Among them is an 84-year-old veteran by the name of Robert Crampton.

Could you please find it in your heart to pray for all the warriors, but especially for Mr. Crampton? The trail is tough enough on a younger person in excellent physical health, and will surely test all facets of Mr. Crampton's ability.

I will keep you updated on their progress as they travel north, but if you would like to follow along for yourself, please visit Facebook and search Warrior Hike. It's a wonderful program that is helping so many of our veterans who suffer from Post-traumatic Stress Disorder.

Blessings to you this day and may you find peace in knowing that Our Father hears every prayer in your heart and is working in your life.

If you have family news or memories you would like to share, please e-mail me at brindlelabs@gmail.com or call me at 357-3469. In His Love.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

The March program at the Whitman Memorial Library will be at 2 p.m. today (March 13) at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jack Richardson of Paris, a retired Special Agent for the FBI. He will talk about his time in the FBI and current plans.

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Woodstock Residents
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The Annual Town Reports will be available at the Town Office on Monday March 19th. The reports will be hand delivered in town beginning on Tuesday the 20th.

Just a reminder that Dog Licenses are now overdue. There will be an additional fee of \$15.00 per dog after January 31, 2012, and for dogs still not registered on or before April 1, 2012 there will be a charge of \$25.00.

Notice to Veterans
Veterans or Widows of Veterans age 62 or older, who may be eligible for property tax exemption under our Maine Laws, should be familiar with the requirement; where by, application for tax exemption must be made to the Assessors before April 1st of the year in which exemption is expected to begin.

Blind Exemption
Exemptions are available to persons determined to be blind within the definition provided by title 22, Chapter 959, who are receiving aid under that Chapter. Exemption must be filed with Assessors before April 1st of the year in which the exemption is expected to begin.

Assessor's Notice
In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91-A, Section 34 R.S. 1954 Amend, all resident and non-resident property owners are hereby notified to bring into the Assessors, on or before April 1st, 2012, a true copy and perfect list of their estates, real or personal, of which they are possessed on the April 1st 2012, and be prepared to take oath on same. Any person who neglects to comply with this notice is barred his rights to make application to the assessors or the Assessment Board of Review for any abatement of his tax unless he satisfies the Assessors that he/she was unable to offer it at the appointed time.

Maine Homestead Exemption
If you are a legal resident of the State of Maine, have owned homestead property in Maine for at least the past 12 months, or owned a homestead in another Maine municipality within the past 12 months and declare this homestead as your permanent place of residence, you may meet the requirements to qualify for a Homestead. Exemption under the terms of the homestead exemption statute Title 36 MRSA Sections 681-689. Please contact your local Town Office for more information.

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Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills is a no-kill, non-profit shelter and adoption center for cats and dogs; and the holding area for stray dogs for 12 towns in Oxford County. The shelter has moved to a new location at 9 Swallow Road in Paris. Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter Tuesday-Sunday 12-4 p.m. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website at www.rpc.petfinder.com. For answers to questions about adopting or fostering a pet, or to make an inquiry about a lost animal, call Responsible Pet Care after hours at 743-8679.

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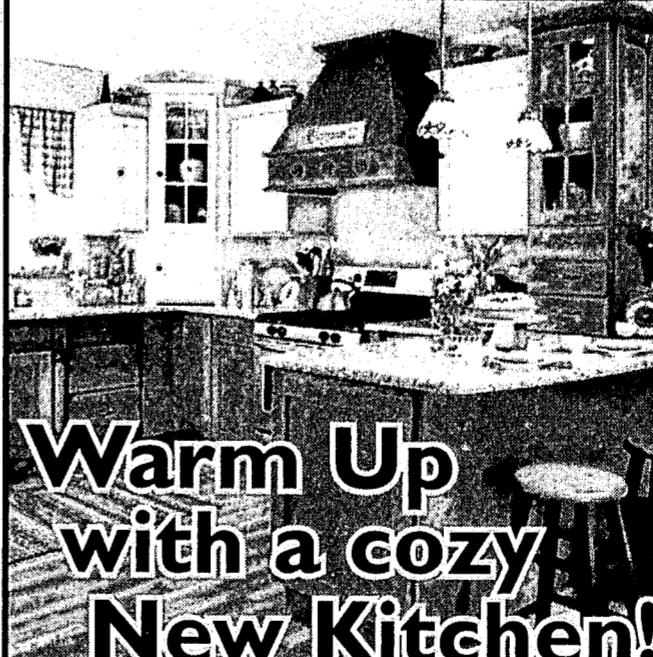
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Franklin Grange will meet on Saturday, March 15, at the hall at 10 a.m. This meeting will be followed by a potluck luncheon.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service. Something new - a girls' group called "Bloom," same time as the mid-week service, 6:30 p.m. This is geared to ages 13 to 18. Learn about reaching your full potential for Christ, games, crafts, nail polish, girl talk and prayer support. Led by Marybeth Hoover. Invite a friend; enter to win a free gift. March 30 will be "Old Fashioned Sunday." Join us as we celebrate the rich heritage of the Bryant Pond Baptist Church. This will be a Fellowship Sunday format, so please plan on bringing a dish to share for the lunch, then staying for the afternoon service.

Remember exercise class at the library on Thursday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m., led by Nancy Willard.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met at the Town Conference Room Thursday, March 6, for a meeting, potluck lunch and silent auction. Programs were discussed. Next meeting will be at the Fire Station with the dinner put on by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

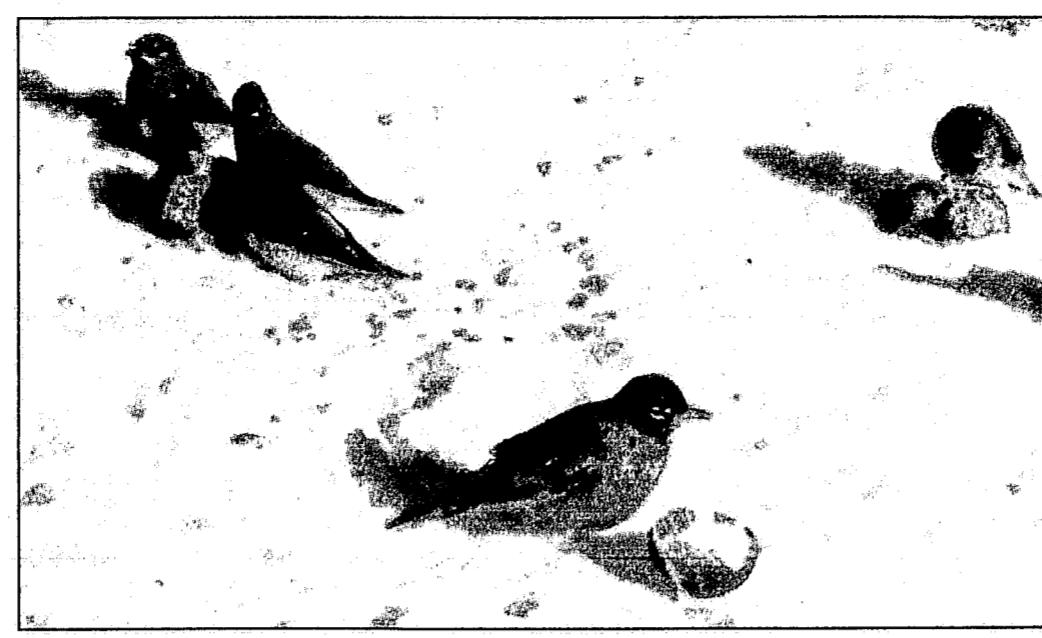
Albany

By KATHY BENNETT



A beautiful Sunday has arrived and I am finally back in Albany after spending the week with the Doug Bennetts in East Bethel. I put my car in the garage to be worked on and needed to be with Bella a few evenings as Jen and Doug had meetings, CPR and parent teacher conferences.

We met Kinsey Durgin at the Briar Lea for dinner on Thursday night. Bella Bennett spent Saturday night



AT LEAST THE ROBINS ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SPRING - Last week a flock of robins and cedar waxwings visited Dick and Sally Taylor's house in Bethel to enjoy some of last fall's apples. They may have to search harder for food for a time, with the prediction of heavy snow for the area.

Submitted photo

with me and we went to Melby's for dinner. I almost forgot. Ozzie Dog spent the night with us also. My cats were not happy.

Last Sunday evening Margaret Barton and Jane Wardwell went to the movies.

On Friday Roger and Yvette Barton came over from Brownfield for a visit with Frank and Margaret. Hope everyone has a great week and I hope you remembered to set your clocks ahead.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

It was nice to have a break from the cold weather for the weekend, but we know there is more to come. On the bright side, the month of March is almost half over.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at our house last Saturday. He said he had gotten a call to help someone with a plumbing problem that consisted of the lack of hot water. They solved their own problem, so he was heading for Bethel before going home. He is always willing to help out.

Lise McLain attended the Gould Academy Senior luncheon on Monday, March 3, and enjoyed the musical entertainment.

Mary Tyler had a visit from her brother, Merle Cole, from Berlin, N.H., this past week. He was

on his way to Bethel and stopped by for a little while.

Happy Birthday wishes to a couple of March birthdays: Lise McLain and Brad McLain.

Our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, participated in a hockey tournament in Dover, N.H., this past weekend. Her parents, Tim and Michele, went with her and since one game was on Saturday afternoon and the other on Sunday morning, they decided to stay overnight. Hugh and I had the pleasure of having our "grand-dog," Chloe, spend the night with us on Saturday night. Other than wanting to get out and chase all the birds and squirrels, she was a perfect guest.

Many thanks to Gilead's Board of Selectmen for hiring D.A. Wilson & Co. to move the huge pile of snow on the fire station side of our property. This seemed to be the only way it could be accomplished. The other huge pile in front of the town hall will need to be removed because it is blocking the bulletin board where the warrant for the annual town meeting is posted. Also, thanks to David Taylor who volunteered to post the warrant by walking through the snow in front of the bulletin board. Maybe the D.A. Wilson crew will return and take care of that one.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmai@hotmail.com.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH

I apologize to all the readers who missed my column last week. It seems my emails were hung up in my outbox - a condition I was

unable to detect, let alone repair until Gerry Michaud showed up - thanks Gerry for getting me back in working order.

The On Our Own Committee held public hearings on Saturday, March 8, and last night to inform and update voters on the budget and other concerns of our withdrawing from SAD 44. The Town Election on Tuesday, March 18 will ask voters if they wish to pursue withdrawal. Voters will also be asked to elect a Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor which has two candidates Brian Mills and James Adler for the seat being vacated by Susan Merrow. A SAD 44 Director will also be elected. So be sure to come out and vote in an election which will have a big effect on the future of our town.

Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 15 beginning at 9 a.m. in the upstairs Town Hall. There are 53 articles to be considered including articles to raise funds for a town re-evaluation and updating of Town Tax Maps. These are two important articles if taxes are to be fair and equitable. The Andover Service Circle will be hosting a luncheon of soups, chowders and stews in the hall dining room between 11:30 and 12:30.

The Service Circle is an organization that supports many activities in town, awards a scholarship to a graduating senior, sponsors roadside spring clean-up and provides other community services. The Circle is currently looking for new members. Contact Judy Michaud for more information at 392-1221.

The Snow Valley Sno-Goers will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 5 at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse off Route 5 preceded by a potluck supper. All those interested in snowmobiling and trail work are invited to attend. Bring a dish to share.

Earlier on April 5, the

fifth grade class of Andover Elementary will be having a bottle drive to finance their spring trip to Boston. If you will not be at home on that day, you can drop off bottles on the school's front porch. Please put them on the right side of the porch.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Bill Simmons who passed away on March 6. A Celebration of his life was held at the First Congregational Church on Monday, March 10, followed by a time of refreshment and fellowship in the church dining room. Bill was the son of Barbara Simmons, Town Treasurer.

One of the things that is great about Andover is the support we give each other in times of trouble. It is the custom to provide a luncheon following funerals. This project is shared between the Service Circle and the First Congregational Church and others and is coordinated by Betsey White.

We thank all of those who bake and make sandwiches. We couldn't do this for others without your help. The Andover Recreation Committee is announcing an ice skating party to be held at the town ice rink behind the fire station on Sunday, March 16, from noon until 3 p.m.

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



The Library Bees completed their patriotic quilt and proudly presented it to their friend, Mr. Wendell Easter. Mr. Easter is a World War II veteran who served in the Battle of Bulge in World War II as a member of the 244th Field Artillery. A resident of Rumford and a friend to many in Hanover, Mr. Easter is currently recovering at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris.

Among the Bees who made the lap quilt and visited Mr. Easter last Tuesday were Lynne Ramsey,

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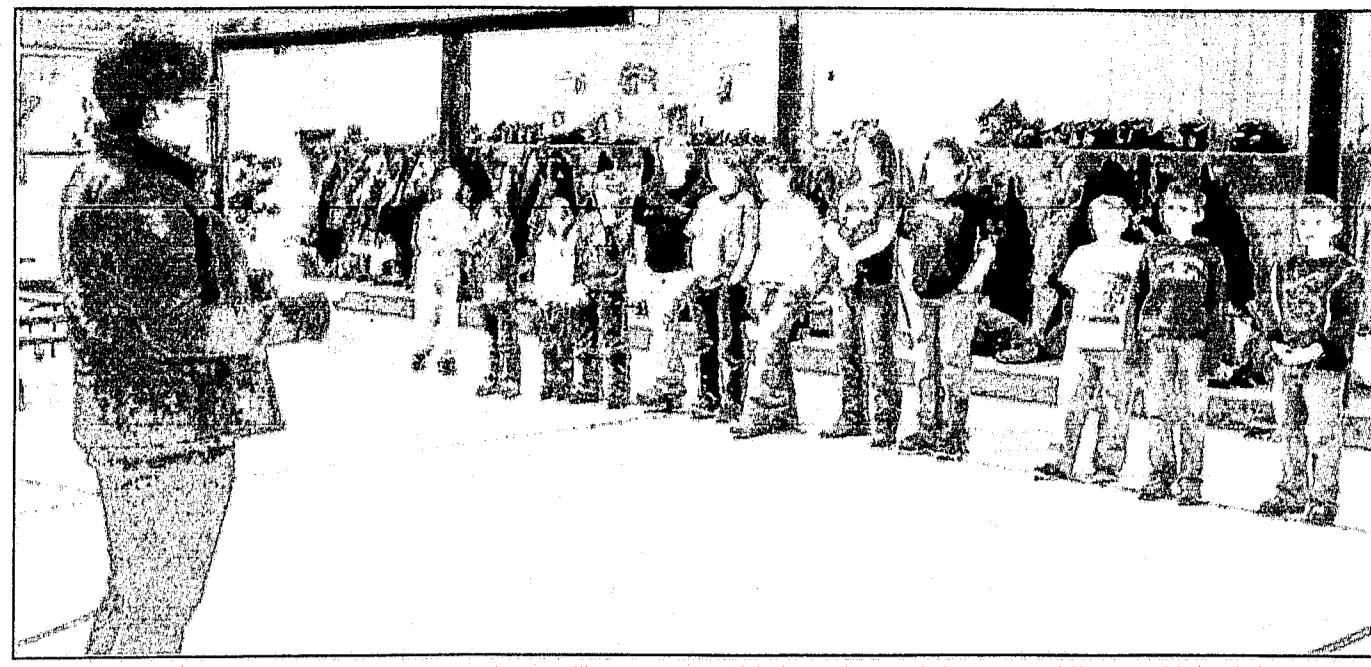
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Peg Susbury, Dottie Adams, Wilma Rector, Paulette Booth, Brenda Devoe and Maria Holloway. The ladies enjoyed hearing Mr. Easter's reminiscing of his time in World War II, his reunions with other Battle of the Bulge war heroes, and his trip to the dedication of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Mr. Easter graciously thanked the ladies for their gift.

The Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris, one of six in the State, provides care and rehabilitation for Maine men and women who honorably served their country. In addition to various military and war artifacts which decorate the hallways and lobby, the facility honors veterans with displays of current and wartime photographs of the residents.

Most recently, Mr. Easter rototilled many gardens in Hanover as well as the Children's Garden located at the intersection of Howard Pond and Mill Hill Roads. Thank you, Wendell, for your service! We wish you a speedy recovery.

Friends of Hanover Pines enjoyed another great weekend of snowmobiling with a trip through Grafton Notch and an outing to Black Mountain of Maine for Saturday's Dempsey Challenge. On April 6, a Snowmobile Sledhead Mania will be held at Mt. Abram Ski Resort. There will be races for Antique Classes, 73 and older, Grand Prix Track Races and Hill Climb Drags as



AES WALKING CLUB-Cherri Crockett from River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition speaks with Andover Elementary School students about a weekly Walking Club after school. This effort will lead up to the Annual Healthy Hearts 5k Run/Walk on May 18 in Rumford.

well as a vintage show, to swap meet and raffles. General admission is \$7 with a Race Entry Fee of \$30. This event is guaranteed fun for participants and spectators alike. For more information please contact 207-890-9720.

Ms. Carole Glover of Dixfield will be working temporarily at the Hanover Post Office. Welcome, Carole.

The Town Office will no longer be mailing notices to residents for vehicle registrations due. As you would check your gas gauge for fuel, don't forget to check your vehicle registration for expiration!

The next meeting of the Select Board will be held Tuesday, March 18 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office.

Please send your news, comments and feedback

Mason
By RICHARD GROVER



On Sunday, March 9, Mona and I went to Auburn to watch Lawrence and Jen Grover's son Curtis play in a youth hockey league game in the new Norway Savings Bank hockey arena. This was a game of 12-year-olds with Curtis's team, Maine Hockey Academy, defeating a team from Bangor by a score of 6-1.

Curtis plays goalie and played half the game, allowing only one goal of many shots taken on his net. We were impressed that these 12-year-olds on both teams were accomplished skaters and stick handlers.

We were also impressed by the new hockey arena, which houses two hockey rinks, where a number of youth teams were playing in two games at once. We

saw a number of young players accompanied by adults coming and going in and out of the arena the entire time we were there. Lawrence said that teams were playing and/or practicing in the arena all day.

Thursday afternoon, Feb. 27, Mona and I went to Pat's Pizza for a rendezvous with Norm and Gail Weston. We got there early, about 4:30 p.m., and we were the only customers in the dining room. Our waitress brought us our drinks while we were waiting and began telling us about her hard day.

She said she had spent the day putting drapes up in her living room, and oddly kept thinking that her car might not start when she got ready to come to work. She hates to be late for work, and her shift started at 4 p.m. About 20 minutes to 4, she went out to start the car. Sure enough, the battery was dead. Not to worry. Her husband has an old Dodge pickup that he uses to plow the driveway, reg-

istered and insured, so she'd just take that. She got in, and the truck started right up. She pulled the lever to raise the plow, and the front of the truck went down. Then she went to lower the plow, and the front of the truck went up. Then she tried to move the truck, and it wouldn't move. "Oh, drat!" Or something like that. The plow was frozen to the earth.

Then our heroine called her son and asked if the twin babies were asleep. No. They were awake. "Well, will you drive me to work? I hate to be late." "I can't. The wife is in New Hampshire with the car, and she has the car seats. I can't take the twins without the car seats."

Jill (not her real name) called her husband, who was working out of town, and complained to him about the car and the truck being frozen. "I hate that car! I didn't want it when you bought it last week!" More words were exchanged.

About that time, Jill saw her daughter drive into her driveway across the

street. She phoned her and asked for a ride to work. "Well, I don't want to drive to Oxford," "No, no! Today, I'm working at Pat's in Bethel." So she got to work on time, after all. Other customers came in, and Jill waited on them.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Upton Ladies Aid wants to thank their patrons of the past season for their support. The Ladies enjoyed watching people come in for breakfast and stay for the camaraderie. The Ladies will serve breakfasts Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Father's Day and other special Sundays throughout the summer.

The Upton Historical Society will hold its first meeting of 2014 Sunday, April 13, 3 p.m. at the Upton House. Letter B Notch Riders will have their meeting the same day and place. Their meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m.

A logging company, F.C.I. of South Paris, cut a woodlot on Back Street this winter. When they finished the job, they cleaned up their area. They did not leave a huge pile of brush, trash or five gallon cans in the landing. There are no bent or broken trees visible in the cut area. They did a nice neat professional job.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It was not as warm as some days, but Monday held a hint of spring. The birds were happy and so was I. One day this past week, I was in Norway and we saw robins. Not just one robin but a whole group of

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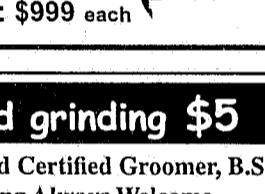
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them. We also saw ducks. Not just Gertrude whom I see every day, but mallard ducks; wild ones that were sailing on the river. It was a welcome change from snow and ice, a promise of what will be here soon. In the meantime, they say another snow storm is coming, maybe 10 to 14 inches. I'll believe it when I have to. For now, I am enjoying what warmth we have. Gertrude and Lefty are too. They hang outside as long as they can each day. Soon they will have live greens to eat not just scraps I give them. Soon too, they might have new friends to share their space. For now, we continue as we were and wait for warmer days, less ice and the melting of the snow.

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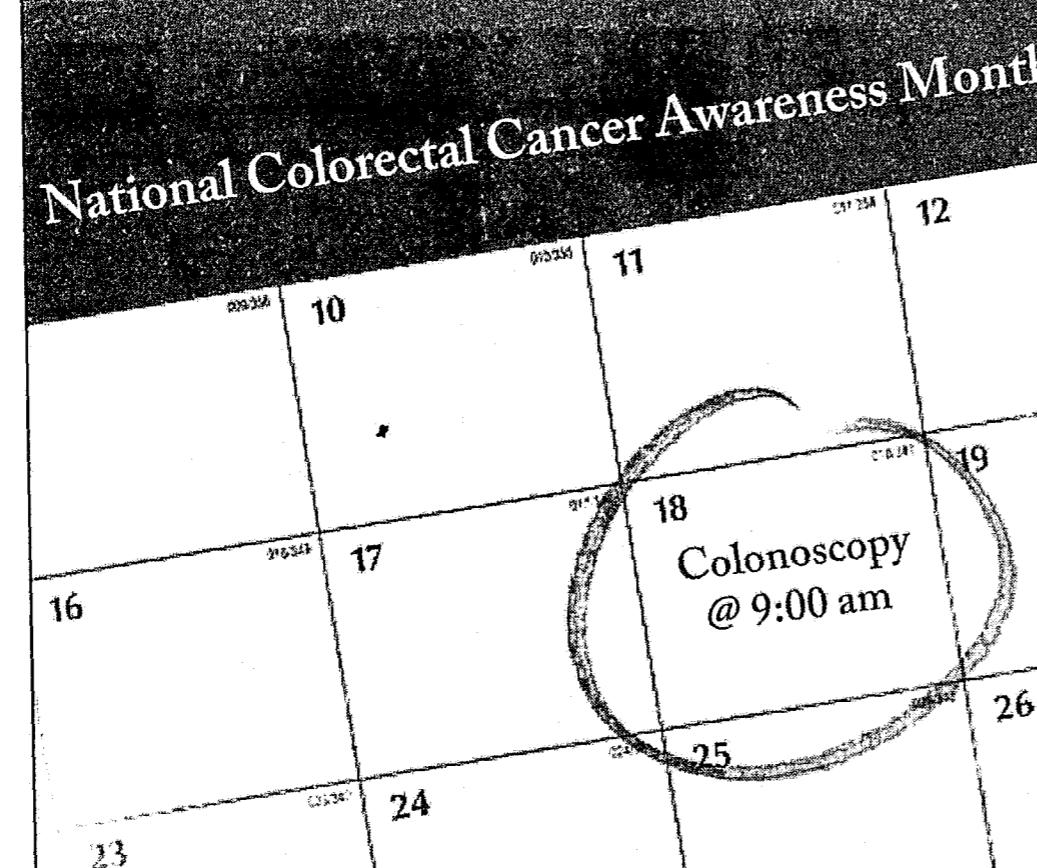
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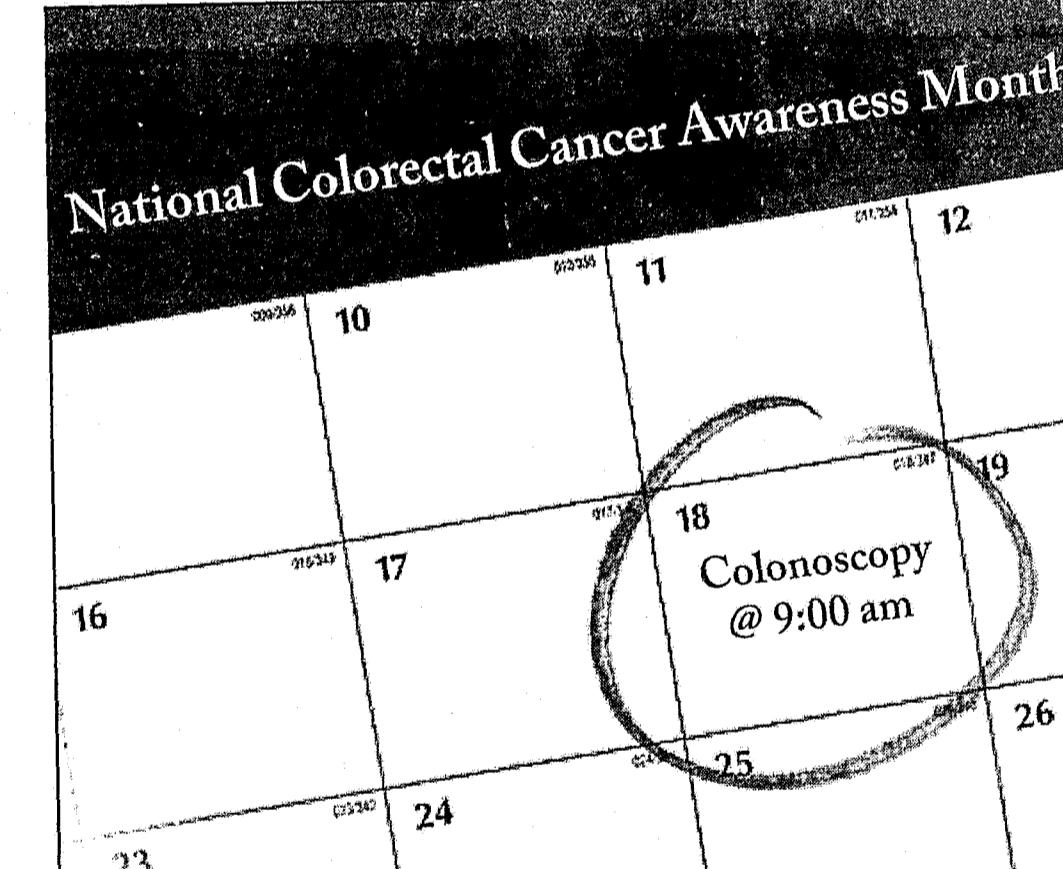
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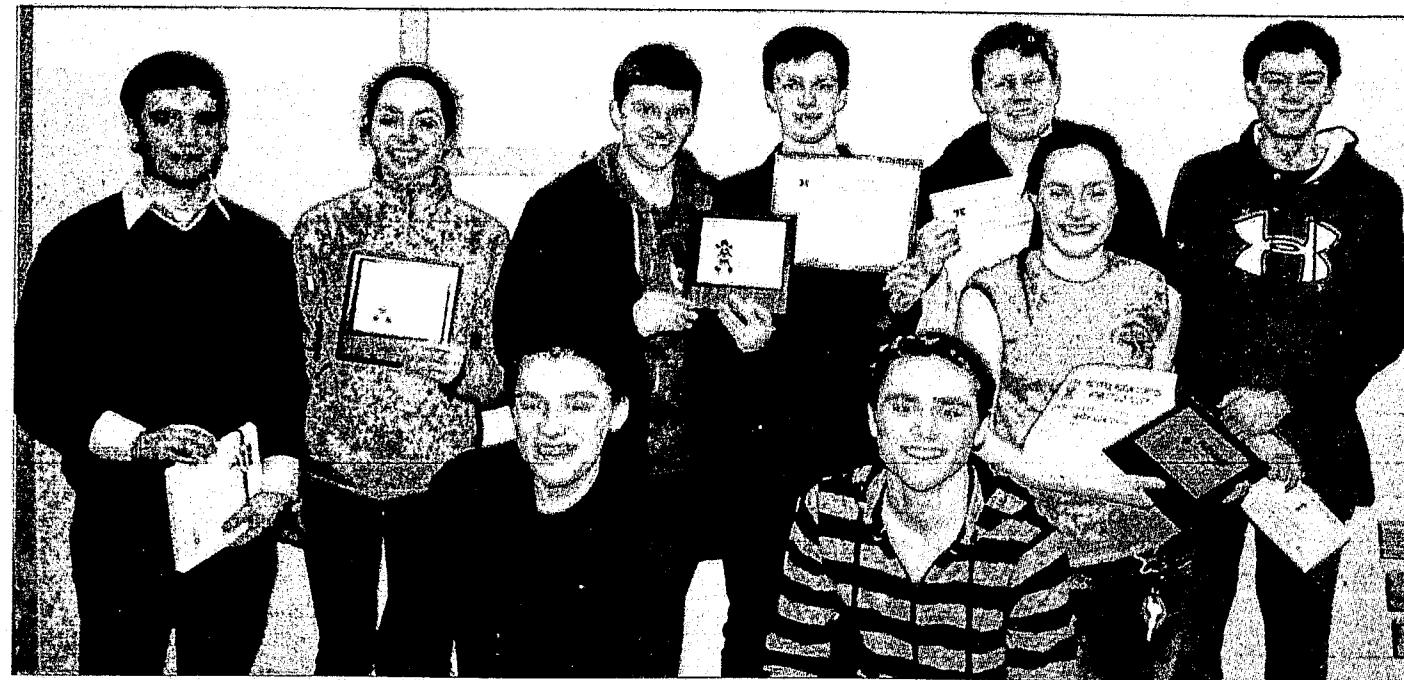
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ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761. Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Morning worship 10:45 to noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Route 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger. Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutzo, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults, teens and children; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available) 4:30-6 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs-5th grade); 4:30-6:30 p.m. High School "Hang-Out" (location varies). Thursdays: 5:30 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact

Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26). Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 364-2983.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street. Rev. Richard Bennett. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street. Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533.

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Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kitchens Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May). Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wednesday Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrell Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

TRINITY LUTHERAN

Church - Route 117, South Paris. Pastor Ray Mitchell. Sunday morning service 9 a.m. (summer) with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Singspiration third Sunday each month alternating with

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Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, South Paris across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL

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FIRST BAPTIST

Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI: 743-2491.

ST. CATHERINE'S

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UNITARIAN

Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. FMI: 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI: 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI: 603-466-2136.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigil Mass. 276 King St. Oxford.

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ST. CATHERINE'S

- Saturday 4 p.m. Vigil Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. FMI: 743-2606.

UNITARIAN

Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. FMI: 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI: 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI: 603-466-2136.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m. 207-388-2610.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - 208 Main St., W. Paris. 9 a.m. services September to June. FMI: Bob Clifford 674-3442.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth 6 p.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club) 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.; Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 876-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Mid-week Service Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson. 207-527-2551, Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school, 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Alzheimer's Support Group; Rumford Community Home, 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. Meetings held the third Wednesday of every month, 6 to 7:30 p.m. FMI: Sue Ellen Richardson or Terry Drury (364-7863).

Andover Fitness Club; Andover Elementary School gym, Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 13

Library Program; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library. Jack Richardson of Paris, a retired special agent with the FBI, will be the guest. Jack will be talking about his time with the FBI and will also speak of some current programs. Open to the public at no charge. Light refreshments will be served. Snow date: April 13.

Small Business Shoe Box Party; 3 to 5 p.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Drive, Berlin, N.H. Free seminar to help small business owners get started with a system to keep records sorted, organized and up to date. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457 or jpreseby@ccsnh.edu).

Participatory Mapping Event; 6 p.m., Grand Summit Hotel. There will be large-format maps of area streets and roads where attendees are invited to map out where they ride and walk and what can be done to improve those routes. FMI: Gabe Perkins (info@mahosucpathways.org) or Healthy Oxford Hills (739-6222).

Friday, March 14

St. Kieran's St. Patrick's Day Dinner Fundraiser; 6 p.m., Town & Country Inn and Resort, Shelburne, N.H. Tickets: \$25.

Saturday, March 15

Food Growing Workshop; 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Oxford County Cooperative Extension Office. Presentation by Linda Titus of AgMatters on implementing a food safety and traceability plan. \$10. FMI/registration: 743-6329 or lesley.quick@maine.edu.

Andover Town Meeting; Town Hall, 9 a.m.

Snowshoe Hike; 10 a.m., Agnes Gray School, Main Street, South Paris. FMI: West Paris Library (674-2004).

Wild West Festival; Mt. Abram. Live country music with Johnny Crashed (2 to 5 p.m.) and the Tina Kelly Band (5 to 8 p.m.) and a mechanical bull.

Full Moon Hike; 5 p.m., Mt. Abram. Skis and boards will be transported to the top so hikers can ski or ride back down following the hike.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old fashioned dance music. Adults: \$5.

Sunday, March 16

Andover Rec Committee Ice Skating Party; 12 to 3 p.m. Andover town ice rink behind the fire station.

Monday, March 17

Knitting Group; 2 to 4 p.m., Waterford Library. FMI: 583-2050.

Tuesday, March 18

Andover Elections; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Town Hall.

March 19 and 26, April 2 and 9

Lenten Luncheon Series; 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., West Par-

ish Congregational Church, Bethel. Six area churches will take turns providing a soup lunch. Following lunch, a reflection on the theme, "Spiritual Journey" will be given. Each church will take a turn providing lunch, but all sessions will be at the Congregational Church. Donations for the lunch will be given to the Bethel Food Pantry. All are welcome!

Wednesday, March 19

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Norway Town Hall. Representatives from SeniorsPlus, the area agency on aging, will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's; 2 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Public Library, 515 Main Street, Fryeburg. Free program presented by the Maine Alzheimer's Association for anyone who would like to learn more about Alzheimer's and related dementias. Pre-registration required. FMI/registration: bkirkpatrick@alz.org, 772-0115 or 800-272-3900.

Lyme Support Group; 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School.

Thursday, March 20

Sunrise Hike; 6 a.m., Bald Pate Mountain parking lot, Route 107, South Bridgton. Wear appropriate warm clothing and boots. Bring water, snacks, a headlamp and snowshoes. This moderate hike will include a 300-foot elevation gain and take approximately two hours round trip. Hot cocoa and snacks will be offered after the hike.

Community Supper; 6 p.m., Wilkins Community House, Waterford. Bring your best dish and come visit your winter-bound neighbors.

Clarinets for Conservation Quartet; 7:30 p.m., Gorham Congregational Church, 143 Main Street, Gorham, N.H. The performance will feature classical and contemporary works for clarinet quartet by Jean Francaix, Alfred Uhl, and Brett Werry. FMI: 603-326-3242 or www.musiconline.org.

Friday, March 21

Health Insurance Information Day; 12 to 4 p.m., Bethel Rite Aid. Stop by to ask questions, pick up brochures, and pick up giveaways. Crystal Fitch, LSW and Emily Owen and Sara Tisherman of AmeriCorps will be present to answer questions about saving money on healthcare and schedule appointments for help with Health Insurance Marketplace enrollment.

Saturday, March 22

Farm Pond Construction/Trout Stocking Workshop; Oxford County Extension Center, Olson Road, South Paris. Presentation by Candace Gilpatrick, NRCS Agricultural Engineer at 10 a.m. Presentation by Sonny Pierce of Shy Beaver Hatchery at 12:30 p.m. Workshop fee: \$10 (lunch included). FMI/registration: jean.federico@me.nacdnet.net or 743-5789, ext. 111.

Peter T. Haines Memorial Baked Bean and Ham Supper; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Bethel Lodge, Chapman Street. \$8/adults, \$4/children.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old fashioned dance music. Adults: \$5.

Sunday, March 23

Maniac Mountaineers; 2 p.m., Locke's Mills Town Hall. After a long, cold winter, get out of that cabin and kick your heels up.

Monday, March 24

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Woodstock Town Meeting; 7 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School.

Wednesday, March 26

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

DASH Diet Workshop; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Ripley Medical Building's Harper Conference Center, 193 Main Street,

Norway. Presented by SMH dietitian, Pat Watson, this free workshop will provide information on the DASH Diet to lower high blood pressure. FMI/Registration: 743-1562 ext. 6896.

March 28 and 29

6th Annual Dumont Cup; Sunday River. Come check out the action as top pro freeskiers defend the cup against the best amateurs from across North America. This year's event moves to the new T72 terrain park trail for an even better course. FMI: www.dumontcup.com.

Saturday, March 29

Women's History Month Program; 2 p.m., Bethel Historical Society's Dr. Moses Mason House (14 Broad Street). Annette Vance Dorey will present an illustrated talk about the women featured in her book, "Miss Dr. Lucy" and Maine's Pioneering Female Physicians, 1850s-1920. Free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

Gilead Town Meeting; 7 p.m., Town Hall.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old fashioned dance music. Adults: \$5.

Sunday, March 30

SAD 44 Ski Free Day; Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket, free rental, free adult learn to ski/ride clinic. 50 percent food and beverage discount.

Tuesday, April 1

TMS PTA Meeting; 6 to 7:30 p.m., Telstar library.

Friday, April 4

Holy Savior School Benefit Auction; American Legion Hall, Rumford. Doors open at 5 p.m., auction begins at 6:30 with auctioneer Mark Prevost. Pub style food will be available starting at 5 p.m. Businesses or individuals wishing to make item or monetary donations to the auction may contact Sue Adley (364-4919), Judy Collette (364-5157) or Holy Savior School (364-2528).

TMS Fancy Dance; 7 to 10 p.m., Telstar cafeteria.

Saturday, April 5

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Annual Meeting/Potluck; 6 p.m. potluck supper followed by a 7 p.m. meeting at the clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share.

Sunday, April 6

Apron Tea; 2 p.m., Women's Literary Union, 19 Elm Street, Auburn. Norma Salway and Dotti Adams will host "The History of Vintage Aprons," sponsored by the CMMC Women's Hospital Association. This fund-raising event will feature a collection of 50+ hand-made aprons. Light refreshments and tea will be served. Proceeds benefit the CMMC Cancer Immediate Needs Fund. Attendees are urged to bring any special aprons they might wish to display. FMI/reservations: June (782-6084).

April 12 and 13

Wilderness First Aid (SOLO); UMaine 4H Camp and Learning Center. Cost: \$200 (includes lunch and materials). Register before April 4 by calling 207-665-2068.

Sunday, April 13

Letter B Notch Riders Meeting; 9 a.m., the Upton House.

Upton Historical Society Meeting; 3 p.m., the Upton House.

Wednesday, April 16

WES Curriculum Fair/Art Show; 6 to 7:30 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School.

April 26 and 27

Shooting Sports Instructor Training; UMaine 4H Camp and Learning Center. Cost: \$65 (includes meals and lodging). Training begins at 6 p.m. Friday and concludes at 1 p.m. Sunday. Commuters welcome. Offering archery, rifle, shotgun, hunting/wildlife training. FMI/Registration: 207-665-2068.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 4:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office.

SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym,

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

First Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 3 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Third Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Telstar High School Library. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m. - Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason

House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. - West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

ANDOVER

John H. Campbell to T.R. Dillon Logging, Inc. of Andover, property at Map 11 Lot 66, Sawyer Brook Road. \$67,500, Dec. 10, 2013.

NEWRY

William L. and Susan M. Covens to Melvin E. and Jennifer Olson of Gorham, N.H., property at 9 Northway Drive. \$183,000, Sept. 25, 2013.

Helen J. Parent to Tiffany and Jason Machado of Gloucester, Mass., condominium at 9 Fall Line Drive. \$100,000, Sept. 27, 2013.

Boyne Properties Maine, LLC, to James L. Tedford of Marblehead, Mass., property at the Glades at Run Subdivision. \$345,000, Nov. 6, 2013.

Mainevest, LLC, to Matthew C. Bergeron of Brentwood, N.H., land at Lot 62-4

and Lot 62-5 Great Brook Preserve. \$45,000, Nov. 11, 2013.

Mountain Home Developers, LLC, to Donald M. Anderson and Kathleen A. Hudock of Marion, Mass., land and building at 74 Vista Road. \$563,100, Nov. 13, 2013.

Daniel M. and Lorie K. Skolnik to Patrick D. and Dorothy A. O'Connor of Westwood, Mass., condominium at 16 Roadrunner Drive. \$108,500, Nov. 15, 2013.

Marc L. Liberman to Christopher M. and Jennifer Dels esto of Hudson, N.H., condominium at 372 Skiway Road. \$138,000, Nov. 19, 2013.

Mark W. and Laura A. Hall to Seth's Ski House, LLC of New Providence, N.J., condominium at 64 Viking Vil-

lage Road. \$525,000, Nov. 29, 2013.

Pensco Trust Company to Andrea L. and Peter J. Opachinski of Kingston, Mass., land at Map R-4 Lot 5, Great Brook Preserve. \$100,000, Nov. 29, 2013.

Mainevest, LLC to Andrea and Peter Opachinski of Kingston, Mass., land at Map R-4 Lot 4, Great Brook Preserve. \$49,900, Nov. 29, 2013.

SR Holdings, LLC to Andrew M. Quirk of South Berwick, condominium at 23 White Cap Village Road. \$90,000, Dec. 2, 2013.

Linda Alexis Meyer Family Trust UDTA to Robert A. Currier of Bethel, land at Lot 3 Bakers Acres Two. \$55,000, Dec. 3, 2013.

Annamarie Collins to Jill A. Boissonneau of Saco, condominium at 8 Cascades

Drive, \$70,000, Dec. 13, 2013.

Three M Builders, Inc. to Vincent J. Hartley of Prospect Park, Pa., property at Meadow View Estates, Lot 1, \$249,000, Dec. 16, 2013.

Maine Mountain Properties, LLC to Robert M. and Kathleen A. Powell of Marblehead, Mass., land at Lot 85 The Peaks Village Subdivision. \$125,000, Dec. 16, 2013.

Robert M. and Kathleen A. Powell to Sara G. Stockwell of Waterford, condominium at 14 Alder Lane. \$287,000, Dec. 16, 2013.

Robert F. Lovett to Chester G. and Eileen J. Flahive of East Longmeadow, Mass., condominium at 10 Brookside Drive. \$161,500, Dec. 20, 2013.

Scott J. and Laurie A. Stevenson to Nicholas W. Rago of York, condominium at

280 Skiway Drive. \$194,000, Dec. 20, 2013.

James F. and Cheryl A. Maguire to Lisa M. Moisan and Dennis P. Waters of Saco, condominium at 16 Roadrunner Drive. \$105,000, Dec. 20, 2013.

Daniel and Michelle M. McCarthy to Valerie T. and Donald E. Oakes of Falmouth, condominium at North Peak. \$189,500, Dec. 20, 2013.

Normand J. Bonsant and Tyler W. Pratt to Ryan A. and Julie B. Minzner of Topsham, land and building at 152 Glades View Avenue. \$471,000, Dec. 20, 2013.

Nicholas B. Kletti to James M. and Karen M. Corey of Brunswick, property at 119 Broadway Drive. \$240,000, Dec. 31, 2013.

WOODSTOCK
Marcel Polak and Emily S.

Ecker to Andrew K. Ecker and Michele N. Deilio of Woodstock, land at Map 8 Lot 25 Cushman Hill Road. \$1,500, Sept. 27, 2013.

Elizabeth Blazier, Lawrence E. and William A. Goff to Kathy Leonard of Woodstock, land and building at 7 Curtis Hill Road. \$105,000, Oct. 3, 2013.

Stanley Rintz, III to Todd H. and Karla J. Dulin of Atkinson, N.H., property at 221 Perkins Valley Road. \$39,500, Oct. 11, 2013.

Pires Mountain, LLC to Richard M. Byrne of Greenwood, land and building at 93 Yawkey Way. \$262,500, Oct. 15, 2013.

Federal Horne Loan Mortgage Corp. to Stephen Knutson and Kristina Grace of North Oxford, property at 70 North Main Street. \$34,500, Oct. 21, 2013.

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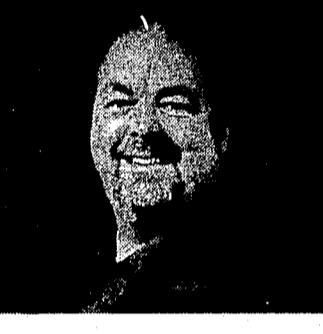
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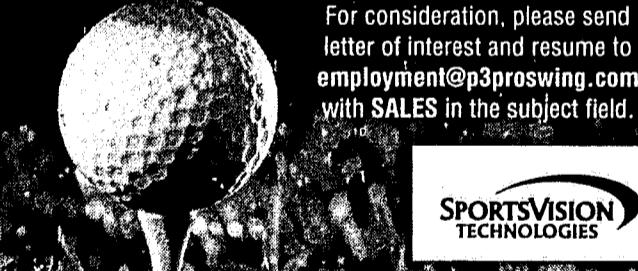
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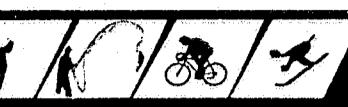
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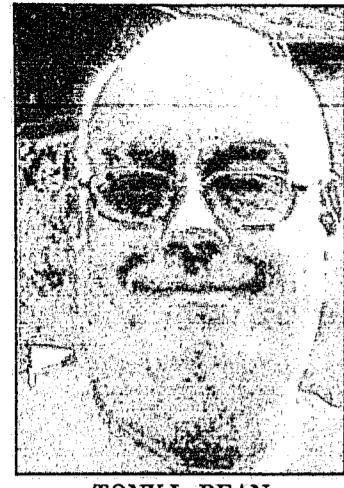
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Obituaries



TONY L. BEAN

Tony Lee Bean, 49, of Harrison died at home Monday, March 3, after a long illness.

Tony was born in Bridgton on Dec. 2, 1964, to Leon and Pauline Bean.

Tony worked at various places throughout his life, but he was the happiest when he was working on dairy farms, a trait that he inherited from his father.

Tony's life was never easy, and he suffered for many years with a heart condition, but he was always ready with a good joke, and he always had a smile on his face.

Tony loved fishing (he always caught the big ones!), canoeing, camping, spending time with friends and family, and morning coffee at Brenda's. He really enjoyed working with his friend Marc, and he was always willing to lend a hand to anyone else who needed one. Tony spent the last few months taking care of his mother who was ill with breast cancer until her death in December.

Tony is survived by two sisters, Tracey (Bob) Robitaille of Bryant Pond and Tammy McAllister of Oxford; a brother James of Harrison; his step-mother Joyce Bean of Norway; five nieces; four nephews; best friends Marc, Steve, Brenda and Buster; uncles, aunts, cousins and Trixie the wonder dog who misses Tony very much.

Tony was predeceased by both parents.

Special thanks to Dr. Brian Nolan's office for the wonderful care they have given Tony throughout the years.

A private burial will be held in the spring for family and Tony's closest friends.

Arrangements were made by Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, South Paris.



WILLIAM A. SIMMONS

William A. "Bill" Simmons, 44, of Andover died on Thursday, March 6, 2014, at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston.

Bill was born in Hartford, Conn., on June 16, 1969, the son of Barbara (Grant) Simmons and the late William H. Simmons. He attended Maine schools. For many years he worked for Steve Swasey, Inc., operating an excavator and had also done excavating work for Esau Cooper, Inc. and had worked many winters for Jacques Chartier Logging. He was currently employed by Nichols Brothers, Inc. doing what he loved to do, logging and excavation.

Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, horseshoes and gatherings. The love of his life was his son William "Buddy" Simmons, and we can't forget his dog Ruger and his cat Lucky.

Survivors include his son Buddy of Seward, Alaska; a brother Greg and his companion Kelly Martin of Andover; his mother Barbara of Andover and his daughter Keri Standeven of Bethel.

Bill touched many lives and will be missed by all. The family would like to send a special thank you to the staff at Central Maine Medical Center ICU Unit with special thanks to Brenda, Tanya and Danielle.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 10, 2014, at the Andover Congregational Church with Rev. Jane C. Rich officiating.

Those who desire may contribute to the Arbor House, c/o Central Maine Medical Center 300 Main Street Lewiston, Maine, 04240, in his memory. Arrangements were under the direction of Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, Rumford.

Friends and family are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.meaderandson.com.

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Mom, Aunt Cindy, Uncle Bear, Lacey, Lauren, Lisa, Ampie and all those you are still part of.

Birth

Lylah Eva Merrill

Brianna Lee Jennings and Derek Wade Merrill are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Lylah Eva Merrill, born on March 1, 2014, at 6:53 p.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Rosemary Lynn Farrar and James Clarence Jennings.

Paternal grandparents are Danielle M. Gordon and Warren R. Merrill.

Art show moving to Sunday

The 2014 Moore Park Art Show is inviting artists to apply for the 2014 event which will be held on a Sunday. Show format designed to target tourists on Route 26 going through South Paris. Organizers made the change after seeing more attendance and more out-of-state license plates parked in the venue on a cloudy, rainy Sunday show that was a result of a date postponement.

"We met people from Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Maryland and beyond who stopped for a bite to eat and a stroll through the artist booths on their way home from a weekend in Maine. Add those numbers to the local community and it means better sales for artists, which translates to a more successful show for the Town of Paris," said Aranka Matolcsy, art show director.

The Moore Park Art Show in South Paris is seeking exhibitors for a celebration and sale of original arts, Sunday July 27, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This 4th annual event will feature 60 artists, a full day of live entertainment and some great eats.

Over \$600 in ribbons will be awarded to several artists representing painting, photography and crafts in an optional judged competition. The event is presented by the Town of Paris, Parks and Recreation Department and the Mahoosuc Arts Council.

Artists are invited to apply who work in paintings, drawings, photography, wood, metal and glass sculpture; fine jewelry; handmade prints; fiber and textile/fiber arts and more. All artwork must be the original design and creation of the exhibitor. Booths are limited. Artists also have the opportunity to submit work for awards judging. There will also be a limited number of craft booths under a tent for more traditional crafts.

Booths, 10x10-feet, are \$65 for a single exhibitor. Shared booths are \$40 for each artist, up to four in a booth. Student booth fees are \$40 per booth, or \$25 each for a shared booth. Applications must be received by July 1 for inclusion in the Moore Park Art Program. Community groups are welcome to participate for \$30. Food vendor spots are \$75. Food vendors must provide proof of insurance with application.

FMI: Visit www.mooreparkartshow.biz or contact Director Aranka Matolcsy at 207-890-6386 or mooreparkart@gmail.com.

Community chaplains presentation

The public is invited to an evening presentation on Community Chaplaincy at Beacon Hospice on Thursday, March 20, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Rev. Sarah Shepley, a member of the core faculty of the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine, (ChIME) will present. Please come to Suite 10A in the Beacon Hospice facility at 245 Center Street in Auburn.

What does it mean to be a community minister? A spiritual presence in the community? Community chaplains serve in a variety of roles, providing a listening presence and spiritual grounding to nonprofit boards, environmental groups, hospitals and hospices and more. Rev. Shepley recently served with a group of nursing students travelling to the Dominican Republic from USM. She will reflect on this trip and also discuss the ChIME program and answer questions from anyone interested in learning more about community chaplaincy.

Fully employed adults are able to participate in the ChIME program because it takes place one evening a week and one weekend a month. In addition, volunteering to be a "listening presence" in a community organization is a key component of the ChIME training. Each student is committed to 150 hours of volunteer service each academic year. They serve in local faith communities, hospitals, detention facilities, shelters and nursing homes, as well as in street ministry, youth ministry and art and music ministries.

Throughout the academic year, ChIME also offers several weekend sessions that are open to the public for a modest fee. For example, on Sunday, April 6, ChIME is offering an all-day session with Benedictine Sister Anne McCarthy on "Christianity, the Sacraments and Social Action." FMI or to register call (207)347-6740 or e-mail admin@chimeofmaine.org.

Engagement



Buck-Meader

Leo and Pamela Buck of Albany are pleased to announce the engagement of their oldest son Allen Buck to Caeri Meader, daughter of Wendy Meader of Albany.

Allen and Caeri both graduated from Telstar High School.

The couple is planning a fall wedding in 2015 at their home.

Ability to work

In 1987 President Ronald Reagan declared March to be Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, urging "all Americans to join me in according to our fellow citizens with such disabilities both encouragement and the opportunities they need to lead productive lives and to achieve their full potential."

"Ability at Work" is the theme for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month 2014. The Progress Center of Norway, as well as other related organizations celebrate Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month each March and invite you to consider the true meaning of this year's theme, "Ability at Work!"

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